



**EB-2015-0004**

**Hydro Ottawa Limited**

**Application for electricity distribution rates for the  
period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020.**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

**June 29, 2015**

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a custom incentive rate application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 29, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2016 and for each following year through to December 31, 2020.

A Notice of Hearing (Notice) was issued on May 27, 2015.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on June 12, 2015. In that Order it approved all applications for intervenor status and approved certain intervenors for cost award eligibility. The OEB also set dates for a presentation day by Hydro Ottawa, interrogatories, interrogatory responses, technical conference questions, a technical conference, filing an issues list, a settlement conference, and filing of any settlement proposal.

The OEB cancelled the presentation day set for June 23, 2015 in a letter dated June 19, 2015. The presentation day is now set for July 7, 2015, and will be held in Ottawa. The presentation by Hydro Ottawa will be to the OEB panel, the OEB staff, Intervenor and those that filed letters of comment (signatories) in accordance with the instructions in

the Notice. The presentation day will be open to the public; however questions and oral comments will only be heard from the intervenors and the signatories. Any signatory that wishes to address the OEB panel or ask clarifying questions of Hydro Ottawa are to notify the OEB in writing on or before July 3, 2015 of their intent. The signatories are to limit questioning or comments at the presentation day to five minutes.

The OEB reminds any party planning to ask questions of Hydro Ottawa's panel that Hydro Ottawa's presentation is intended to provide an overview of the application it has filed with the OEB. The presentation is anticipated to focus on the business conditions Hydro Ottawa anticipates over the next 5 years, the planning it has undertaken to address system needs and customer preferences, and its proposal regarding how the costs of distributing electricity ought to be recovered from customers through the rates they pay, taking into consideration OEB policies and the principles of good rate-making. The presentation is not intended to provide a detailed explanation of issues, but rather to summarize the Hydro Ottawa's overall application. Parties should therefore adopt a similar focus with their questions.

Given the later date of the presentation, the OEB has reset the dates of other case steps as ordered below to allow time to prepare any interrogatories that may arise from the presentation.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Interested parties, Hydro Ottawa, and the OEB, including staff, will convene on **July 7, 2015** starting at 4 PM in Delta Ottawa City Centre, 101 Lyon St N, Ottawa for Hydro Ottawa to present its application and to answer questions of clarification.
2. Signatories intending to address the OEB Panel or ask questions following Hydro Ottawa's presentation shall notify the Board Secretary, as instructed below, by **July 3, 2015**.
3. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro Ottawa that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 10, 2015**.

4. Intervenor shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hydro Ottawa that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 13, 2015**.
5. All other dates remain the same as per Procedural Order No. 1.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0004, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the case manager, Christie Clark at [christie.clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:christie.clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and OEB counsel, Maureen Helt at [maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **June 29, 2015**

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