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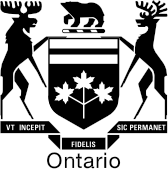
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**BY E-MAIL**

July 17, 2015

Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: B2M Limited Partnership 2015-2019 Transmission Rates Application**

**OEB File Number EB-2015-0026**

**Proposed Issues List**

OEB staff and parties in this proceeding have reached an agreement on a proposed issues list. As ordered in Procedural Order No. 2, this Proposed Issues List is attached.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Harold Thiessen

Ontario Energy Board Staff

Case Manager – EB-2015-0025

cc. All parties, EB-2015-0026

**B2M Limited Partnership**

**2015-2019 Transmission Rate Application**

**EB-2015-0026**

**Proposed Issues List**

1. **GENERAL**
   1. Has B2M LP responded appropriately to all relevant Board directions from previous proceedings?
   2. Is the overall increase in 2015 to 2019 revenue requirement reasonable?
2. **APPLICATION FRAMEWORK**
   1. Is the proposed framework of a five year cost of service application appropriate?
   2. Are B2M LP’s proposed annual adjustments appropriate?
   3. Is the monitoring and reporting of performance proposed by B2M LP adequate to demonstrate whether the planned outcomes are achieved?
3. **OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE and ADMINISTRATION COSTS**
   1. Are the proposed spending levels for OM&A in 2015 to 2019 appropriate, including consideration of factors such as system reliability and asset condition?
   2. Are the methodologies used to allocate common corporate costs for 2015 to 2019 appropriate?
4. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES and RATE BASE**
   1. Are the amounts proposed for rate base in 2015 to 2019 appropriate?
5. **REVENUE REQUIREMENT**
   1. Are the business assumptions and policies used by B2M LP to develop and allocate its revenue requirements appropriate?
   2. Is the capital structure and cost of capital component of the revenue requirement for 2015 appropriate?
   3. Is the depreciation component of the revenue requirement for 2015 to 2019 appropriate?
   4. Is the taxes / PILs component of the revenue requirement for 2015 to 2019 appropriate?
   5. Is the proposed recovery of start-up and development costs appropriate? Is the proposed smoothing methodology for the start-up and development costs over the test years appropriate?
6. **DEFERRAL/VARIANCE ACCOUNTS**
   1. Are the proposed new Deferral and Variance Accounts appropriate?
7. **COST ALLOCATION**
   1. Is the cost allocation proposed by B2M LP appropriate?
8. **BILL IMPACTS**
   1. Are the bill impacts of this application appropriate?