



**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. 3**

**July 17, 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 number of key steps in the proceeding.

On July 10, 2015 a letter was submitted to the OEB on behalf of Rogers Communications Partnership, TELUS Communications Company and Quebecor Media (the "Carriers") which stated that that the Carriers may want to file evidence on issues raised by the application, and in particular issues related to pole attachments. The Carriers pointed out that there was no provision in Procedural Order No. 1 to permit them to do so. The OEB has set a date for filing intervenor evidence and has set aside time for a transcribed technical conference to test the intervenors evidence on the morning of the first day of the settlement conference.

In setting aside time for the technical conference on the intervenors evidence, the OEB will provide for an additional day for the settlement conference if needed.

In the event that the application proceeds to an oral hearing, the OEB is also setting aside dates for the hearing. No other dates of case steps have been altered, but the OEB repeats them in the order below for clarity and ease of reference.

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

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Following its review of Hydro Ottawa's responses to interrogatories, the OEB will determine if a technical conference is required. If required, a transcribed technical conference will be held August 13, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the OEB's offices at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, Ontario to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only. If required, the technical conference will continue on August 14, 2015. Parties intending to participate are to notify Hydro Ottawa, and copy all parties of the topic areas for questioning by August 10, 2015.
2. Intervenors wishing to file evidence shall file and serve the evidence no later than Monday August 17, 2015.
3. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by August 20, 2015.
4. A technical conference for the purpose of clarifying the intervenor's evidence will be held on the morning of August 25, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto.
5. A settlement conference will be convened on August 25, 2015 after the technical conference, at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. The settlement conference will continue through to August 27, 2015, as necessary.
6. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB by September 15, 2015. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.

7. OEB staff shall file any submission on the settlement proposal with the OEB and serve it on all parties within 7 days from when a settlement proposal is filed.
8. If there is no settlement proposal, Hydro Ottawa shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by August 31, 2015. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by September 4, 2015 any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
9. If an oral hearing is necessary, it will commence on September 30, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. The hearing will continue to October 2, 2015, and then on October 13, 2015 as required.
10. Argument-in-Chief will be delivered orally on October 16, 2015 starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor.

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, **July 17, 2015**

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