Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



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. 6 August 28, 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 was issued on May 27, 2015.

On August 21, 2015 Hydro Ottawa filed confidential undertakings JTC2.14 – 2016-2020 Compensation Breakdown and JTC2.43 –Market Appraisal Reports, accompanied by a letter requesting confidentiality treatment.

Interim Treatment

As an interim measure, the OEB will allow any counsel or consultant for intervenors, counsel for the applicant and certain regulatory staff from the applicant's organization that wish to review the confidential documents to do so after signing a copy of the OEB's Declaration and Undertaking with respect to confidential documents, and filing it with the OEB and serving it on Hydro Ottawa and OEB staff.

If any party or OEB staff objects to any of the confidentiality requests, they shall file their submissions by August 31, 2015. Hydro Ottawa shall file any reply submissions by September 3, 2015. If the OEB ultimately decides that a document should not be afforded confidential treatment, it will be placed on the public record unless, within a

period of five business days, and in accordance with section 5.1.12 of the Practice Direction, Hydro Ottawa or OEB staff request that the information be withdrawn.

Notice of Motion of the Carriers

On August 24,, 2014, the Carriers filed a Notice of Motion requiring Hydro Ottawa to produce its reciprocal pole agreements with Bell Canada and with Hydro One, or alternatively to provide a detailed description of the rights and obligations of each of the parties under the Bell Agreement and the Hydro One Agreement. In addition the Motion requested such further and other relief as the Carriers may request and the OEB may grant.

Notice of Motion of Hydro Ottawa

Hydro Ottawa proposes that this motion be heard at the same time, and in the same manner, as the motion made in this proceeding by Rogers Communications Partnership, TELUS Communications Company and Quebecor Media (the "Carriers") on August 24, 2015. The Notice of Motion is for an order requiring the Carriers to answer questions that they refused to answer at the Technical Conference held in this proceeding on August 25, 2015;

At the Technical Conference held on August 25, 2015, the Carriers refused to answer certain questions which can be found in the transcript of the Technical Conference at the following reference points:

(1) page 7, line 24 to page 8, line 17
(2) page 8, line 22 to page 9, line 9
(3) page 16, line 23 to page 17, line 21
(4) page 26, line 24 to page 27, line 7
(5) page 27, lines 8 to 14
(6) page 27, lines 15 to 19
(7) page 27, lines 20 to 25
(8) page 27, line 26 to page 28, line 2
(9) page 28, lines 3 to 5
(10) page 28, lines 6 to 9

Hydro Ottawa submits that the answers to these questions are relevant to the OEB's consideration of Issues 4.10 and 4.11 in the Approved Issues List for this proceeding that is attached as Schedule A to the Issues List Decision dated August 21, 2015.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision at this time for the following procedural steps.

THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

- If any party objects to any of the requests for confidentiality made by Hydro Ottawa, such parties shall file their submissions by **Tuesday August 31**. 2015.
- 2. Hydro Ottawa shall file any reply submissions regarding objections to its confidentiality request by **September 3, 2015.**
- 3. Any party that has additional material that it may wish to file related to any of the above-referenced motions should do so by **September 3, 2015.**
- 4. If the Carriers or Hydro Ottawa wish to reply to any of the submissions regarding their respective motions, they shall file their reply submissions by **September 10, 2015.**

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

<u>http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. 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.

Unless otherwise stated, 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 <u>christie.clark@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and OEB counsel, Maureen Helt at <u>maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, August 28, 2015

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