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



EB-2015-0069

Festival Hydro Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges effective Jan 1, 2016.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 29, 2015

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 17, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on September 9, 2015. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Festival Hydro's request to defer the final adjustments related to a bypass agreement between the Festival Hydro and Hydro One Networks Inc. until its next IRM application. No objection was received.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and determine that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Festival Hydro's request outlined above.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (as revised April 24, 2014) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. I am making provision for written submissions following the filing of interrogatory responses, unless the OEB orders otherwise during the course of the proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. OEB staff and VECC shall request any information and material from Festival Hydro that is in addition to Festival Hydro's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Festival Hydro by **October 5, 2015**.
- 2. Festival Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on VECC by **October 19, 2015.**
- Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and VECC shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by November 2, 2015.
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Festival Hydro may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to VECC by **November 16, 2015**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0069 and be made electronically through the OEB's web portal at

https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/ in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. 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, Birgit Armstrong at

birgit.armstrong@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at richard.lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, September 29, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar Schedule A

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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APPLICANT

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