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



EB-2015-0113 EB-2015-0251

Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 October 6, 2015

Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation (Whitby Hydro) filed two complete applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 13, 2015 and August 20, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B). The first application is based on the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications. The second application has been made to refund the balance of a deferral account. Both applications seek approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on Sept 17, 2015 in which the OEB combined both applications into one proceeding. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Whitby Hydro's request for the proposed clearance of the balance in deferral account 1576. Whitby Hydro filed a letter with the OEB on October 5, 2015 requesting that any interventions in the proceeding be limited to the issues related to the disposition of account 1576.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and have determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. VECC's intervention and any cost claim are limited to issues related to Whitby Hydro's request to dispose of amounts in account 1576.

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 Whitby Hydro that is in addition to Whitby Hydro's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Whitby Hydro by **October 13, 2015.**
- 2. Whitby Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to VECC by **October 26, 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 9, 2015.
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Whitby 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 numbers, EB-2015-0113 and EB-2015-0251 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format 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, Kelli Benincasa at <u>Kelli.Benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at <u>Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, October 6, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar Schedule A

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