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EB-2015-0108

**Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.**

**Applications for electricity distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2016**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
October 28, 2015**

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. (Guelph Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 24th, 2015 and Waterloo Hydro North Inc. (Waterloo North Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the OEB, on May 1, 2015, both 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 Guelph Hydro and Waterloo North Hydro respectively charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2016.

Guelph Hydro filed a settlement proposal with respect to its 2016 cost of service application for rates effective January 1, 2016. The settlement proposal represents a full settlement on all issues. A decision on the settlement proposal has yet to be issued. The parties to the settlement proposal are Guelph Hydro and the following approved intervenors in the proceeding: Energy Probe Research Foundation (EP), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC).

Waterloo North Hydro filed a settlement proposal with respect to its 2016 cost of service application for rates effective January 1, 2016. The settlement proposal represents a full settlement on all issues. A decision on the settlement proposal has yet to be issued. The parties to the settlement proposal are Waterloo North Hydro and the following

approved intervenors in the proceeding: EP, SEC, VECC and E2 Energy representing the University of Waterloo.

On October 23, 2015, OEB staff filed a supplementary submission with respect to Guelph Hydro's settlement proposal highlighting two paragraphs in the settlement proposal which used the term 'privilege' and referred to the 'Guidelines'. The OEB staff submission pointed out that the "Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences" (Practice Direction) does not contain any rules relating to 'privilege'. The Practice Direction refers to 'confidentiality' and not the term 'privilege'.

On October 27, 2015, OEB staff filed a similar supplementary submission with respect to Waterloo North Hydro's settlement proposal highlighting one paragraph in the settlement proposal which used the term 'privilege' and not 'confidentiality'.

Both OEB staff submissions indicated that the respective panels may wish to hear submissions from the other parties on the appropriateness of these paragraphs.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. OEB staff and all parties to the settlement proposals may make written submissions concerning the issue of the use of the term 'privilege' in the Guelph Hydro and Waterloo North Hydro settlement proposals, on or before **November 2, 2015**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file numbers, EB-2015-0073 and EB-2015-0108, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. 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

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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.

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