



**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. 10**

**October 29, 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.

A technical conference was held starting on August 13, 2015 and continued on August 14, 2015. An additional technical conference was held on August 25, 2015 which dealt specifically with the issue of pole attachment rates.

In Procedural Order No. 9, issued on October 14, 2015, the OEB advised the parties to the proceeding that the OEB plans to undertake a policy review of miscellaneous rates and charges commencing this year, which will include a review of pole attachment methodology and treatment of third party revenues. An oral hearing on Hydro Ottawa pole attachment rates was held on October 16, 2015. The scope of the hearing excluded matters of methodology.

The OEB is making provision for Argument-in-Chief and submissions on the Hydro Ottawa pole attachment rates. As a result of the upcoming policy review, the OEB requests that parties also make submissions on whether the OEB should set the pole attachment rate in this proceeding on an interim rather than final basis.

Another outstanding issue in this proceeding pertains to the working capital allowance. The settlement proposal indicates that Hydro Ottawa has been undertaking a lead/lag study and that “the results of this study will be subject to a discovery process to be determined by the OEB”.<sup>1</sup> In expectation of the lead/lag study being imminently available for evaluation by parties, the OEB will provide parties until November 5, 2015 for the parties to submit a joint proposal on the appropriate working capital allowance, including all necessary documentation, workforms, appendices and tabulation of updated customer rates. Should no joint proposal be achieved by that date, the OEB will consider what further procedural steps should be required.

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

### THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

#### Pole Attachment Rate

1. Hydro Ottawa shall file its Argument-in-Chief with the OEB and serve the argument on all parties by **November 5, 2015**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall file submissions with the OEB and serve the submissions on all parties by **November 12, 2015**.
3. Hydro Ottawa shall file reply submission with the OEB and serve the submission on all parties by **November 19, 2015**.

#### Working Capital Allowance

4. Parties shall provide a joint proposal on the appropriate working capital allowance and all necessary documentation, or notify the OEB that no proposal has been reached, by **November 5, 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

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<sup>1</sup> Settlement Proposal filed September 18, 2015, p 13

<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, Violet Binette at [violet.binette@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:violet.binette@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and OEB counsel, Maureen Helt at [maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **October 29, 2015**

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