

EB-2015-0090

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 November 10, 2015

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (Niagara Peninsula Energy) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 28, 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 Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on October 22, 2015. Each of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Niagara Peninsula Energy's request to update the amount included in rates to manage its cash flow. No objection was received.

I have determined that Energy Probe and VECC are granted intervenor status and that Energy Probe and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Niagara Peninsula Energy'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:

- OEB staff and intervenors shall request any information and material from Niagara Peninsula Energy that is in addition to Niagara Peninsula Energy's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Niagara Peninsula Energy and all other parties by November 27, 2015.
- 2. Niagara Peninsula Energy shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to intervenors by **December 18, 2015.**
- 3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by January 22, 2016.
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Niagara Peninsula Energy may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to intervenors by **February 12**, **2016**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0090 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, Stephen Vetsis at Stephen.Vetsis@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 10, 2015**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj Registrar

Schedule A

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