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



EB-2015-0094

#### Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

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

## INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 November 30, 2015

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Oakville Hydro) has filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) 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 January 1, 2016.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on November 12, 2015. Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Oakville Hydro's variance from a previous settlement proposal in relation to the filing of a study on cost allocation. No objection was received.

I approve Energy Probe as an intervenor and have determined that Energy Probe is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Oakville 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.

#### Interim Rate Order

Oakville Hydro filed additional information regarding the outstanding order by the OEB to complete a cost allocation study in time for this application on October 26, 2015. After review of this information, the OEB determined to proceed with the application and issued a Notice of Hearing. The OEB's decision may not be issued until after the proposed effective date of January 1, 2016. The OEB is therefore declaring Oakville Hydro's current approved rates interim as of January 1, 2016 pending the OEB's final decision on this application. This determination is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on the application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination with regards to the effective date of rates arising from this application.

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. Oakville Hydro's current OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges is declared interim effective **January 1, 2016**.
- 2. OEB staff and Energy Probe shall request any information and material from Oakville Hydro that is in addition to Oakville Hydro's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Oakville Hydro by **December 2, 2015.**
- 3. Oakville Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on Energy Probe by **December 9, 2015.**
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and Energy Probe shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **December 21, 2015**.
- 5. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Oakville Hydro may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to Energy Probe by **January 5, 2016.**

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0094 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <u>www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. 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 <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry</u>. 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, Katherine Wang at <u>katherine.wang@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at <u>richard.lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, November 30, 2015

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

#### By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

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Kristi Sebalj Registrar Schedule A

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