



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

DECISION AND INTERIM ORDER

EB-2015-0368

FIVE NATIONS ENERGY INC.

Application for an order for its electricity transmission revenue requirement and charge determinants to be declared interim effective January 1, 2016.

**By delegation before: Kristi Sebalj
Registrar**

December 29, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) notified the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on December 17, 2015 of its intention to file a cost of service application for transmission revenue requirements and charge determinants for the 2016 rate year in April 2016 and requested that under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) its current approved transmission revenue requirement and charge determinants be declared interim, effective January 1, 2016.

FNEI explained that on October 15, 2015 it purchased 80 km of transmission line from Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) and that this line is contiguous with FNEI's existing transmission system. The line was purchased at its net book value of \$4,896,221.75 plus HST. FNEI indicated that as the transaction was concluded late in the calendar year, it would have been impossible for FNEI to prepare a full rate application and have it completed in the 2015 calendar year.

FNEI has not yet filed its 2016 application and it is clear that no decision of the OEB will therefore be rendered until sometime in 2016.

FNEI indicated that its planned cost of service application will reflect the revenue requirement impacts associated with the addition of this asset to the FNEI system.

I note that FNEI is part of the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rate pool. That is, it is one of 5 transmitters that have their approved transmission revenue requirements and charge determinants pooled to create a province-wide transmission rate that is adjusted in January of each year. While each transmitter has its revenue requirements and charge determinants independently approved by the OEB, the actual uniform transmission rate is set by the OEB using the approved revenue requirement and charge determinant amounts of the 5 transmitters.

The establishment of interim revenue requirements and charge determinants in no way fetters the OEB's discretion to determine the 2016 revenue requirements and charge determinants to be ultimately set nor the effective date. I will therefore declare FNEI's current approved revenue requirement and charge determinants interim as of January 1, 2016. This determination of interim revenue requirement and charge determinants is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on the forthcoming cost of service application and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination of revenue requirements and charge determinants of the effective date thereof arising from the forthcoming application.

Given the expectation that the issue of the appropriate effective date will arise in the course of the 2016 proceeding itself, this determination is also not to be construed as prejudicial to any party's ability to argue for any effective date.

I therefore consider it necessary to make provision for the following matter related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. FNEI's current OEB-approved transmission revenue requirement and charge determinants are declared interim effective January 1, 2016.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0368, 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. 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.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 29, 2015**

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Original signed by

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