



EB-2014-0105

Ottawa River Power Corporation

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

**DECISION ON ISSUES LIST
February 4, 2016**

Ottawa River Power Corporation (Ottawa River Power) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 2, 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 Ottawa River Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

Procedural Order No. 1 made provision for the establishment of an issues list subsequent to the filing of interrogatory responses.

Ottawa River Power filed its interrogatory responses on January 28, 2016. Subsequent to the filing of interrogatory responses, parties agreed to a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purpose of this proceeding. The approved issues list is attached as Schedule A.

A Settlement Conference will be held among the parties and OEB staff on **February 9, 10 and 11**, as indicated in Procedural Order No. 1.

ISSUED at Toronto, February 4, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE A
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**Approved Issues List
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1. PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pricing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations, and
- the objectives of the applicant and its customers

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
- government-mandated obligations, and
- the objectives of the applicant and its customers

2. REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Are all elements of the revenue requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

2.2 Has the revenue requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3. LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

3.1 Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the number and energy and demand requirements of the applicant's customers?

3.2 Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios appropriate?

3.3 Are the applicant's proposals for rate design appropriate?

3.4 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage service rates appropriate?

4. ACCOUNTING

4.1 Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?

4.2 Are the applicant's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, and the continuation of existing accounts appropriate?

5. OTHER

5.1 Are the proposed changes to specific service charges appropriate (change of return cheque charge, new Meter Dispute Charge plus Measurement Canada charge)?

5.2 Are the proposed Smart Meter Capital and OM&A costs requested for disposition and the resulting rate riders appropriate?