



EB-2015-0089

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5
March 18, 2016**

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 28, 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 Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

On March 17, 2016, Milton Hydro wrote to the OEB to request an adjournment of the oral hearing scheduled to commence on March 21, 2016. Milton Hydro advised that it needs more time to respond to requests for information it received from the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Energy Probe on March 14, 2016 and March 16, 2016, respectively.

Although normally a request for an adjournment must be made at least 10 calendar days before the start of the hearing (Rule 24.02 of the OEB Rules of Practice and Procedure), the OEB will in the circumstances grant a short adjournment. It would be more efficient if the requested information were placed on the record in advance of the oral hearing, so that Milton Hydro may be cross-examined on it, than for the hearing to proceed as scheduled but to result in numerous requests for undertakings. SEC, Energy Probe and the third intervenor, the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition, confirmed to the OEB that they support Milton Hydro's request for an adjournment.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Milton Hydro's request for an adjournment is granted. The oral hearing will start on April 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. and will continue on April 5, 2016 if required. The oral hearing will be held in the OEB hearing rooms at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, Ontario.
2. Milton Hydro shall file responses to the information requests from SEC and Energy Probe with the OEB by March 24, 2016.
3. The deadline for intervenors and OEB staff to file written submissions is extended to April 12, 2016.
4. The deadline for Milton Hydro to file written reply submissions is extended to April 18, 2016.
5. If the parties wish to propose a revision to the settlement as it relates to the bill impact for the Sentinel Light class, they may do so before the commencement of the oral hearing by filing the proposal with the OEB. If no revision to the settlement is proposed, Milton Hydro shall file a written submission on this issue by April 6, 2016. In either case, the other parties may address the issue in their written submissions, due April 12, 2016, and Milton Hydro may address the issue in its reply, due April 18, 2016.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0089, 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 <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, Harold Thiessen at harold.thiessen@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at ian.richler@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **March 18, 2016**

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