



EB-2014-0105

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Ottawa River
Power Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective May 1, 2016.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

March 18, 2016

Ottawa River Power Corporation. (Ottawa River Power) filed an application (the Application) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 5, 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.

The OEB held a settlement conference on February 9 and 10, 2016. Ottawa River Power and the intervenors reached a partial settlement and a partial settlement proposal was filed with the OEB on March 16, 2016.

There is one unsettled issue:

- Ottawa River Power's proposed long-term debt rate applied to Ottawa River Power's affiliate debt with its shareholder and the resulting cost of long-term debt as a component of Ottawa River Power's revenue requirement.

In the settlement proposal, the parties have jointly requested that the unsettled issue be heard by the OEB in an oral hearing. The OEB grants this request, and has scheduled an oral hearing for March 31, 2016.

In addition, the OEB is making provision for the presentation of the settlement proposal filed by Ottawa River Power prior to the commencement of the oral hearing. The presentation is intended to summarize key points of the proposal and show its alignment to the OEB's Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors (RRFE) and OEB policies in general. The presentation should also highlight the planning Ottawa River Power has undertaken to address system needs and customer preferences. It is the OEB's expectation that a senior executive of Ottawa River Power will be present to explain the merits of the settlement proposal.

Ottawa River Power should be prepared to provide its Argument-in-Chief orally at the conclusion of the oral hearing. Following the Argument-in-Chief, the OEB also expects the intervenors and OEB staff to make their submissions, and Ottawa River Power's reply submission, orally.

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

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Ottawa River Power will present the settlement proposal to the OEB on March 31, 2016, starting at 9:30 am. An oral hearing shall commence immediately following the presentation. Both the presentation and the oral hearing will be held in the OEB's North Hearing Room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2014-0105, be made through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. 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 OEB 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, Birgit Armstrong at birgit.armstrong@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 18, 2016

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