



EB-2015-0072

**Grimsby Power Inc.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates  
beginning May 1, 2016.**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2  
June 27, 2016**

Grimsby Power Inc. (Grimsby Power) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 23, 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 Grimsby Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2016.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on March 3, 2016. Each of Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), Schools Energy Coalition (SEC), Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) and COGECO Cable Canada LP (Cogeco) applied for, and were granted, intervenor status.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on April 1, 2016, which made provisions for interrogatories and responses, as well as a settlement conference to take place on May 24, 25 and 26, 2016.

Procedural Order No. 1 also provided for an oral hearing on July 6, 2016 for the presentation of any settlement proposal filed by Grimsby Power, whether full or partial.

On June 24, 2016 Grimsby Power filed a settlement proposal representing a partial settlement of the issues. The unsettled issues remaining to be determined are:

- Operating, Maintenance and Administration Expense
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PiLS)
- Effective Date of Rates

In the settlement proposal, the parties requested that the unsettled issues be heard by the OEB in an oral hearing.

On June 27, 2016 Grimsby Power filed a letter to the OEB, indicating that it would be submitting additional evidence regarding PiLs on June 29, 2016.

The OEB will allow Grimsby Power to file the additional evidence and will host a transcribed technical conference related to this additional evidence on July 6, 2016. In advance of the technical conference, the OEB expects parties to provide any questions whose answers may require advance preparation. The OEB expects that any technical conference undertakings will be filed no later than July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The OEB will schedule an oral hearing on July 13, 2016, with additional days as necessary, to hear the settlement proposal and the unsettled issues.

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

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Grimsby Power shall file its additional evidence on the PiLs issue by no later than Wednesday, June 29, 2016.
2. The OEB will hold a transcribed technical conference related to the additional evidence and the PiLs issue on **July 6, 2016** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto.
3. Any technical conference undertakings will be filed by the applicant no later than July 8, 2016.
4. Provided these dates are met, the OEB will hold an oral hearing to hear the settlement proposal and the unsettled issues on **July 13, 2016** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto.
5. Grimsby Power shall be prepared to deliver orally its argument-in-chief immediately following the hearing. A schedule for written submissions from intervenors and OEB staff, as well as a written reply submission will be determined at that time.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0072, 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, Martha McOuat at [martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:martha.mcouat@ontarioenergyboard.ca) and Ljuba Djurdjevic at [ljuba.djudjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:ljuba.djudjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **June 27th, 2016**

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