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BY E-MAIL

September 13, 2016

Geoffrey Sutton
Chief Financial Officer
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
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Dear Mr. Sutton:

**Re: Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
2017 Cost of Service Application
Board File Number: EB-2016-0096**

A preliminary review of the distribution rates application of Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (NOW) has identified that certain sections of the evidence supporting the application do not comply with the OEB's Filing Requirements¹ for cost of service applications and/or the associated spreadsheets, models and workforms. As a result, the OEB is unable to process your application at this time.

The missing information includes:

Chapter 2 Filing Requirement Reference - page #	Description
10	<u>Exhibit 1 / Tab 3 – Administration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A statement confirming that NOW will have implemented monthly billing for all customers by December 31, 2016 pursuant to the OEB's April 15, 2015 DSC amendment.
31	<u>Exhibit 3 / Tab 1 / Schedule 2 / Attachment 2 – Load Forecast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identification as to whether the customer / connection count is shown

¹ Chapter 2 of the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2016 Edition for 2017 Rate Applications*, dated July 14, 2016.

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	in year-end or year average format.
39 – 40	<u>Exhibit 4 / Tab 4 - Depreciation and Amortization</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of any changes to NOW's depreciation policy and / or asset service lives since the last rebasing (or confirmation that there have been no changes). • Completed Appendix 2-BB. • A description of any differences between NOW's asset service lives and the TULs set out in the Kinectrics Report. If NOW is using any service lives that are outside the minimum and / or maximum TULs set out in the Kinectrics Report, a detailed explanation is required.
58 - 59	<u>Exhibit 8 / Tab 3 / Schedule 5 – Low Voltage Charges</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual Low Voltage costs for the last three historical years, along with bridge and test year forecasts. Year-over-year variances and explanations for any substantive changes in costs over time is also required.
62	<u>Exhibit 8 / Tab 5 / Schedule 1 – Rates and Bill Impacts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of method NOW used to derive 10th consumption percentile. The description should include a discussion regarding the nature of the data used.

The OEB also expects NOW to file the completed PEG Benchmarking Spreadsheet Forecast Model prior to the interrogatory phase of the proceeding. However, this does not need to be completed immediately in order for the OEB to begin processing your application.

The OEB expects that NOW will file the above listed required information as soon as possible.

If any of the information that is identified as missing is located in sections other than those identified in the Filing Requirements, or if any of the information is not applicable in your circumstances, please provide an explanation when filing the remainder of the required information.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Lawrie Gluck, Project Advisor at 416-440-7678 or lawrie.gluck@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar