



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

ISSUES LIST DECISION

EB-2016-0058

BRANTFORD POWER INC.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2017.

BEFORE: Ellen Fry
Presiding Member

Paul Pastirik
Member

September 27, 2016

Brantford Power Inc. (Brantford Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 4, 2016 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 Brantford Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

Procedural Order No. 1 made provision for the establishment of an issues list subsequent to the filing of interrogatory responses and a settlement conference. On September 21, 2016, OEB staff filed a proposed issues list that had been agreed to by the parties to the proceeding.

The OEB approves the proposed issues list, which is attached as Schedule A.

As indicated in Procedural Order No. 1, a Settlement Conference will be held among the parties and OEB staff from **September 28 to September 30, 2016**.

DATED at Toronto, **September 27, 2016**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A
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1.0 PLANNING

1.1 Capital

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

- customer feedback and preferences;
- productivity;
- compatibility with historical expenditures;
- compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with OM&A spending;
- government-mandated obligations; and
- the objectives of Brantford Power 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;
- compatibility with historical expenditures;
- compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- reliability and service quality;
- impact on distribution rates;
- trade-offs with capital spending;
- government-mandated obligations; and
- the objectives of Brantford Power and its customers.

2.0 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?

3.0 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 energy and demand requirements of Brantford Power's customers?
- 3.2** Is the proposed cost allocation methodology, and are the allocations and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Brantford Power's proposals for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage service rates appropriate?

4.0 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 Brantford Power's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for new accounts and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?