

EB-2016-0070

Festival Hydro Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2016.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 October 5, 2016

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 15, 2016 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2017.

The OEB issued a revised Notice of Hearing on September 20, 2016. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Festival Hydro's proposed rate change in the context of its earnings performance in 2015 and in relation to its permanent bypass agreement rate rider. No objection was received.

VECC is approved as an intervenor and is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Festival Hydro's request outlined above.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. OEB staff and VECC shall request any information and material from Festival Hydro that is in addition to Festival Hydro's evidence and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to VECC by October 14, 2016.
- 2. Festival Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and deliver them to VECC by **October 27, 2016.**
- Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and VECC shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **November 9, 2016**.
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Festival Hydro may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to VECC by **November 21, 2016.**

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0070 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format 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, Katherine Wang at Katherine.Wang@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 5, 2016**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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