



EB-2016-0089

Lakefront Utilities Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates
beginning January 1, 2017.**

**DECISION ON PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
October 6, 2016**

In this Decision the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) accepts the proposed partial settlement agreement with respect to Lakefront Utilities Inc. (Lakefront Utilities) cost of service application seeking approval for rates effective January 1, 2017. This is also the third procedural order for this applicants proceeding that sets out the next steps with respect to the written hearing of the outstanding issue on the proposed long-term affiliate debt rate.

Lakefront Utilities filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 29, 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 Lakefront Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on June 6, 2016. The Cobourg Taxpayers Association (CTA), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) each applied for, and were granted, intervenor status as parties in the proceeding.

The OEB held a settlement conference on August 22 and 23, 2016. The parties reached a partial settlement and filed a settlement proposal with the OEB on September 21, 2016. Lakefront Utilities' proposed long-term debt cost for its affiliated debt is the one outstanding unsettled issue.

OEB staff filed a submission in support of the settlement proposal. OEB staff submitted that the approval of the settlement proposal would result in outcomes that reflect the public interest and result in just and reasonable rates for customers.

The OEB accepts the partial settlement proposal. The OEB also approves the rates that result, subject to the adjustments arising from the OEB's decision on the unsettled issue.

The OEB also accepts the parties' settlement proposal request to address the unsettled issue by way of a written hearing.

The OEB makes provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall file their submissions on the unsettled issue with the OEB and forward to Lakefront Utilities on or before October 17, 2016.
2. Lakefront Utilities shall file its reply submission with the OEB on or before October 28, 2016.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0089, 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, Georgette Vlahos at

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DATED at Toronto, **October 6, 2016**

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