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**BY E-MAIL** 

November 3, 2016

Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

#### Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc. Application for Rates Board File Number EB-2016-0061

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 issued on September 16, 2016, please find attached a proposed issues list which has been agreed to by the parties and OEB staff.

Original Signed By

Martin Davies Project Advisor, Rates Major Applications

Attachment

cc: Parties to EB-2016-0061

#### DRAFT ISSUES LIST EB-2016-0061 Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

## 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 Canadian Niagara 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 Canadian Niagara 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 Canadian Niagara Power's customers?
- **3.2** Is the proposed cost allocation methodology, and are the allocations and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3 Are Canadian Niagara 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 Canadian Niagara 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?