



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

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## **ISSUES LIST DECISION**

**EB-2016-0061**

### **CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.**

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

**BEFORE: Cathy Spoel**  
Presiding Member

**Paul Pastirik**  
Member

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**November 11, 2016**

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power) filed a complete cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 13, 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 Canadian Niagara 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 technical conference. On November 3, 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.

**DATED** at Toronto, **November 11, 2016**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE A**  
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**APPROVED ISSUES LIST  
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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 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?