



EB-2016-0056

Atikokan Hydro Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
May 1, 2017**

**INTERIM RATE ORDER
November 24, 2016**

Atikokan Hydro Inc. (Atikokan Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 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 Atikokan Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2017.

Atikokan Hydro filed a letter with the OEB on August 23, 2016, to seek approval to suspend three rate riders in its existing rates. Atikokan Hydro's letter outlines that the rate riders have recovered significantly more than forecast. In the application filed on October 4, 2016, Atikokan Hydro sought to have the request to suspend rate riders dealt with as a preliminary matter.

The three rate riders that Atikokan Hydro is requesting to suspend are:

- Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2016) - effective until April 30, 2017
- Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2017 (Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers)
- Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - Approved on an Interim Basis - effective until April 30, 2018 (Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers)

The OEB has reviewed Atikokan Hydro's request and takes note that the utility is recovering more than the amounts originally forecast. Pursuant to s. 21(7) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the OEB is ordering Atikokan Hydro to remove the

three rate riders listed above from the existing rates effective December 1, 2016, on an interim basis until such time as the OEB issues a final rate order. This determination is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on the cost of service application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's determination with regards to Atikokan Hydro's final Tariff of Rates and Charges arising from this proceeding.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Atikokan Hydro shall remove the three rate riders listed above from its rates effective December 1, 2016, on an interim basis until such time as the OEB issues a final rate order.

DATED at Toronto, **November 24, 2016**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Board Secretary