



EB-2016-0166

Renfrew Hydro Inc.

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

**INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
December 1, 2016**

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (Renfrew Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 22, 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 Renfrew Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

The OEB finds it is necessary to make provision for the matters set out below related to this proceeding.

In addition to the procedural steps set out below, Renfrew Hydro's current rates are declared interim as of January 1, 2017 until such time as new rates are approved by the OEB. This determination of interim rates is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on Renfrew Hydro's application and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination of the effective date for rates arising from the application.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Renfrew Hydro's current Tariff of Rates and Charges shall be made interim as of January 1, 2017 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the OEB.
2. A non-transcribed technical conference by teleconference will be held **December 9, 2016** starting at 9:30 a.m. to clarify any matters arising from the interrogatories only. Parties intending to participate are to notify Renfrew Hydro, and copy all parties, of the topic areas for questioning by **December 7, 2016**.
3. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **December 14, 2016**.
4. Renfrew Hydro shall file any material arising from the technical conference, as agreed by parties to the teleconference, by **December 16, 2016**.
5. A Settlement Conference between Renfrew Hydro, VECC and OEB staff will be convened by teleconference on **December 21, 2016** starting at 10:30 a.m. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **December 22, 2016**.
6. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **January 17, 2017**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.
7. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Renfrew Hydro shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **December 23, 2016**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **January 6, 2017** any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0166, 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 georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 1, 2016**

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