



EB-2016-0077

Horizon Utilities Corporation

**Application for Rates and other charges effective
January 1, 2017**

INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

December 5, 2016

Horizon Utilities Corporation (Horizon Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 11, 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 Horizon Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2017.

The OEB made provision for the filing of interrogatories and responses, submissions and reply submission.

The OEB finds that Horizon raised some arguments in reply submission that were not specifically addressed by OEB staff and the intervenors. The OEB would be assisted by additional submissions in order to complete the record in this proceeding.

In particular, submissions must be limited to the arguments made on pages 4 to 6 of Horizon's reply submission regarding the calculation of the 2015 return on equity and applicability of the Earning Sharing Mechanism.

Given these additional procedural steps, the OEB finds it necessary to declare Horizon Utilities' current rates 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 Horizon Utilities' 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 OEB finds it is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Horizon Utilities' 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. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, OEB staff and intervenors may file a written submission, limited to the arguments made on the Earning Sharing Mechanism, with the OEB by **December 12, 2016**.
3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Horizon Utilities may file a written reply submission with the OEB by **December 16, 2016**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0077 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format 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, Donald Lau at Donald.Lau@ontarioenergyboard.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Miller at Michael.Miller@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, December 05, 2016

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