

EB-2015-0100

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

Application for Rates and Other Charges Effective January 1, 2017

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 March 28, 2017

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 21, 2016 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2017.

On February 2, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out the dates for various steps in the proceeding.

On March 8, 2017, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution filed a letter indicating it could not meet the interrogatory deadline of March 9, 2017. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution requested an extension of the deadline to March 24, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, the OEB granted Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution's request for an extension and indicated that all other dates in Procedural Order No. 1 are cancelled and would be rescheduled once the interrogatory responses are filed.

Responses to interrogatories were received by the OEB on March 24, 2017.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. 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 **April 11, 2017**.
- 2. A Settlement Conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **April 24, 2017** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **April 25 and 26, 2017**.
- 3. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB by May 11, 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.
- 4. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties within **7 days** from when a settlement proposal is filed.
- 5. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by May 4, 2017. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by May 12, 2017 any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 6. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **May 30, 2017** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto for Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0100 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, Richard Lanni at richard.lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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