



EB-2016-0066

E.L.K Energy Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges beginning May 1, 2017**

INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

March 31, 2017

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

On March 9, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out dates for various steps in the proceeding.

On March 13, 2017, E.L.K. Energy filed a letter indicating that there is a scheduling conflict with the proposed Settlement Conference dates. E.L.K. Energy requested that the OEB consider a change in the scheduled dates to May 15, 16, and 17th, 2017.

The OEB has considered the request and altered the dates for the Settlement Conference. All other procedural dates after the Settlement Conference have been adjusted accordingly.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

In addition to the procedural steps set out below, E.L.K. Energy's current rates are declared interim as of May 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 E.L.K. Energy'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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A Settlement Conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **May 15, 2017** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **May 16, 2017** and **May 17, 2017**.
2. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **June 1, 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.
3. 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.
4. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, E.L.K. Energy shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **May 25, 2017**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **June 1, 2017** any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
5. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **June 15, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto for E.L.K. Energy 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-2016-0066, 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 Registrar 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, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 31, 2017

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