



EB-2016-0105

**Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.**

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4  
April 21, 2017**

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Thunder Bay Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 9, 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 Thunder Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2017.

On March 29, 2017, the OEB issued its Interim Rate Order and Procedural Order No. 2 establishing April 20 and 21, 2017 as the dates for an oral hearing on all unsettled issues.

On March 31, 2017, Thunder Bay Hydro filed a settlement proposal with the OEB, which proposed a partial settlement of some of the issues in this proceeding.

On April 6, 2017, Thunder Bay Hydro filed a letter with the OEB noting that it had retained Mr. Yury Tsimberg of Kinectrics to review and opine on the Thunder Bay Hydro distribution system plan to assist the OEB on matters related to capital (which was one of the unsettled issues). On April 13, 2017, the intervenor School Energy Coalition (SEC) filed a letter with the OEB asking that it direct appropriate steps relating to this evidence in advance of the oral hearing. SEC's position was supported by letters filed by two other intervenors in this proceeding, the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition. Thunder Bay Hydro filed a response to these letters, also on April 17, 2017.

On April 18, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 3 which confirmed that the oral hearing would begin on April 20, 2017 at 9:30 am. The Procedural Order stated that the OEB would first deal with the settlement proposal and then hear oral submissions from all parties on the matters raised in the SEC letter and the responses to it.

At the oral hearing held on April 20, 2017, the OEB determined that it would not accept the settlement proposal as filed, , but would consider approving an expanded version reflecting the additional information provided at the oral hearing . The OEB established a filing date of April 27, 2017 for an expanded version.

The OEB also determined as a result of the oral submissions from parties concerning the matters raised in the SEC letter that before the oral hearing could proceed further, it was necessary for Thunder Bay Hydro to file a statement of intent with respect to how it wished to proceed with Mr. Tsimberg's evidence including the date by which any additional written evidence from Mr. Tsimberg would be filed. The OEB established a filing date of April 27, 2017 for this statement of intent.

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

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any revised settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB on or before April 27, 2017.
2. Thunder Bay Hydro shall file a statement of intent with respect to Mr. Tsimberg's evidence, including the date by which any additional written evidence would be filed. This statement must be filed with the OEB and served on all intervenors and OEB staff by April 27, 2017.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2016-0105, 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.oeb.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, Martin Davies at [martin.davies@oeb.ca](mailto:martin.davies@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Jennifer Lea at [jennifer.lea@oeb.ca](mailto:jennifer.lea@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **April 21, 2017**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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