Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2017-0132

### EnWin Utilities Ltd.

#### Application for Recovery of Stranded Meter Costs Effective November 1, 2017

# PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 August 17, 2017

EnWin Utilities Ltd. (EnWin Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 14, 2017 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 Electricity Distribution Rate Applications section 2.2.1.4, as well as section 3.7 and Appendix A-1 of the OEB's Guideline for Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery, seeking approval for the recovery of stranded meter costs to be effective November 1, 2017.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on May 8, 2017. No requests for Intervenor status were received, nor was a request made for an oral hearing.

On June 14, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out the dates for various steps in the proceeding. Those dates included dates for written interrogatories and responses, and (unless the OEB ordered otherwise) for submissions by OEB staff and EnWin Utilities.

On August 8, 2017, EnWin Utilities filed their interrogatory responses.

At this time, the OEB has determined that it will cancel the dates for submissions from OEB staff and EnWin Utilities scheduled in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference between EnWin Utilities and OEB staff and further procedural steps as set out below.

Parties should be mindful that any settlement proposal must be supported with sufficient rationale for the settlement of the issues for which settlement is reached. Parties should indicate how the elements of the settlement proposal are consistent with the OEB's *Renewed Regulatory Framework for Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach*, and other OEB policies, as well as prior applicable OEB decisions.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- A settlement conference between EnWin Utilities and OEB staff will be convened on August 24, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto.
- 2. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before September 7, 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. Should EnWin Utilities and/or OEB staff believe any unsettled issue should be dealt with by way of an oral hearing, the OEB will make a determination in that regard, and it will establish a timeline for the remainder of this proceeding. In the absence of such a request, the OEB will proceed by way of a written hearing for any unsettled issues. In that event, any written submission by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to EnWin Utilities, by September 22, 2017; and EnWin Utilities shall file its written reply submission, if any, by October 6, 2017.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0132 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</u>. 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 <u>https://www.oeb.ca/industry</u>. 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, Kelli Benincasa at <u>Kelli.Benincasa@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at <u>James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, August 17, 2017

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