



EB-2017-0035

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2018**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
October 10, 2017**

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (Cooperative Hydro Embrun) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018. The application was accepted by the OEB as complete as of June 22, 2017.

Procedural Order No.1, which set out dates for various steps in the proceeding, was issued on September 21, 2017.

Procedural Order No.1 set the due date for Cooperative Hydro Embrun's interrogatory responses as October 18, 2017. On October 6, 2017, Cooperative Hydro Embrun filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension of that deadline to November 3, 2017.

The OEB grants the requested extension and expects interrogatory responses to be filed on November 3, 2017. The OEB finds it necessary to defer the dates for other steps in this proceeding due to the requested extension.

The OEB finds it is necessary to make provision for the matters set out below related to this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Cooperative Hydro Embrun shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors and OEB staff by **November 3, 2017**.
2. 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 **November 10, 2017**.
3. A Settlement Conference among Cooperative Hydro Embrun, VECC and if provided for by the OEB in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences*, OEB staff, will be convened on **November 27, 2017** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on **November 28, 2017**.
4. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **December 20, 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.
5. If OEB staff is not a party to the settlement proposal, any submission from OEB staff on such settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties within 21 days from when a settlement proposal is filed.
6. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Cooperative Hydro Embrun shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 30, 2017**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **December 7, 2017** any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
7. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **January 12, 2018** from 9:00a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto, for Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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.

8. All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0035, 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 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, Georgette Vlahos at georgette.vlahos@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky, at james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 10, 2017**

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