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



Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.

# Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2018

## INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 December 6, 2017

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (Centre Wellington Hydro) 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 Centre Wellington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018. The application was accepted by the OEB as complete as of June 20, 2017.

On October 10, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which scheduled a Settlement Conference for November 20, 2017 and November 21, 2017. A tentative date was also set for Centre Wellington Hydro to make an oral presentation to the OEB regarding any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. Procedural Order No. 1 also made provision for OEB staff to file a submission on the settlement proposal.

Procedural Order No. 1 also outlined that any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference was to be filed with the OEB on or before December 5, 2017. On December 5, 2017, Centre Wellington Hydro filed a letter with the OEB, requesting an extension to December 7, 2017 to file the settlement proposal.

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

In addition to the procedural steps set out below, Centre Wellington Hydro's current rates are declared interim as of January 1, 2018 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 Centre Wellington Hydro'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. Centre Wellington Hydro is granted its requested extension to December 7, 2017 to file the settlement proposal.
- 2. Centre Wellington Hydro's current Tariff of Rates and Charges shall be made interim as of January 1, 2018 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the OEB.
- 3. The OEB will cancel the tentative date of December 11, 2017 for a Presentation Day established in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB will review the settlement proposal and OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal before deciding whether any additional procedural steps are required.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0032, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a>. 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 <a href="http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/Industry">http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/Industry</a>. 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, Fiona O'Connell at <u>Fiona.OConnell@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at <u>Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, December 6, 2017

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