



EB-2017-0048

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.

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

**INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
December 18, 2017**

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. (Hawkesbury Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 12, 2017 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 Hydro Hawkesbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

On October 16, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which scheduled a Settlement Conference for November 22, 2017 and (if necessary) November 23, 2017. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement conference was to be filed on December 18, 2017. In addition, Procedural Order No. 1 set a tentative date for Hydro Hawkesbury to make an oral presentation of any settlement proposal arising out of the Settlement Conference and summarize any unsettled issues in this proceeding.

Hydro Hawkesbury informed the OEB that while parties continue to work diligently towards a possible settlement, they will not meet the original deadline. Hydro Hawkesbury has proposed instead to file any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference on or before January 8, 2018. In addition, Hydro Hawkesbury noted that its current rates were made interim in EB-2016-0079 and that its understanding is that those rate will continue on an interim basis until the OEB's determination in this proceeding.

The OEB grants the extension request and 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, Hydro Hawkesbury's current rates will continue to be interim until such time as new rates are approved by the OEB. This determination of interim rates continues to be without prejudice to the OEB's decision on Hydro Hawkesbury'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.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Hydro Hawkesbury current Tariff of Rates and Charges shall remain interim as of January 1, 2018 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the OEB.
2. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before January 8, 2017.
3. The OEB will cancel the tentative date of January 11, 2018 for a Presentation Day established in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB will review any 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-2017-0048, 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 USB flash drive 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, Birgit Armstrong, at Birgit.Armstrong@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky, at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 18, 2016**

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