



EB-2017-0048

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.

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

**INTERIM RATE ORDER AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
February 1, 2018**

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 December 18, 2017, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 2 (PO#2), which confirmed Hydro Hawkesbury's rates as interim as of January 1, 2018 and cancelled the tentative date of January 11, 2018, originally established in Procedural Order No. 1, for an oral presentation of the settlement proposal. PO#2 stated that 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.

On January 8, 2018, Hydro Hawkesbury filed a settlement proposal. As part of the settlement proposal, the parties agreed to make rates effective as of January 1, 2018. OEB staff filed a submission on the settlement proposal on January 25, 2018.

The OEB has reviewed the settlement proposal and OEB staff's submission and finds it necessary to set a date for an oral presentation of the settlement proposal by the parties.

Presentation Day

The Presentation Day will be held via teleconference.

The presentation is intended to summarize and provide any salient information for the OEB's consideration in reviewing the settlement proposal. The purpose of the presentation is not to provide an opportunity for cross-examination by the parties, but rather for Hydro Hawkesbury to present the settlement of issues in the case. It is the OEB's expectation that a Hydro Hawkesbury's senior executive will be present to explain the merits of the settlement proposal.

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. The OEB is setting a date of **February 15, 2018** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00p.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th Floor, Toronto and via teleconference, for Hydro Hawkesbury to present to the OEB any settlement proposal.

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 seven 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, **February 1, 2018**

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