



EB-2017-0265

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates effective
May 1, 2018**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
February 2, 2018**

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 26, 2017 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) effective May 1, 2018.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on December 21, 2017. No requests for intervenor status were received, nor was a request made for an oral hearing.

On January 19, 2018, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 setting out the dates for various steps in the proceeding. They included dates for written interrogatories and responses and, unless the OEB ordered otherwise, dates for submissions by OEB staff and Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution.

On January 30, 2018, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution filed its interrogatory responses.

At this time, the OEB has determined that it will cancel the dates for submissions from OEB staff and Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution scheduled in Procedural Order No. 1. The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference between Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution 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:

1. A settlement conference between Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. and OEB staff will be convened by teleconference on **February 8, 2018** starting at 9:30 a.m.
2. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **February 22, 2018**. 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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. and/or OEB staff consider that 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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. by **March 1, 2018**; and Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution shall file its written reply submission, if any, by **March 8, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0265 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format 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 <https://www.oeb.ca/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, Christiane Wong at Christiane.Wong@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at Richard.Lanni@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, February 2 , 2018

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