



**EB-2017-0051**

**Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.**

**Application for electricity rates and proposed revenue  
requirement effective May 1, 2018**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4**

**March 5, 2018**

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (Hydro One Remotes) filed a cost of service application dated August 28, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for an order or orders approving its 2018 revenue requirement and customer rates for the distribution and generation of electricity, effective May 1, 2018.

The OEB in Procedural Order No. 1 issued on December 14, 2017, made provision for filing of interrogatories, responses to interrogatories, submission of a proposed issues list and scheduled a settlement conference with the objective of reaching a settlement among the applicant and the intervenors on the issues.

Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Opiikapawiin Services LP (OSLP) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) were approved for intervenor status and cost eligibility. On February 2, 2018, OEB staff informed the OEB that the parties had reached an agreement on a proposed issues list.

In Decision and Procedural Order No. 3 issued on February 5, 2018, the OEB approved the issues list as filed and rescheduled the Presentation Day to March 19, 2018 for Hydro One Remotes to present any settlement proposal and a summary of the unsettled issues in the proceeding.

A settlement conference was held on February 6 and 7, 2018 at the OEB. The settlement conference was attended by Hydro One Remotes personnel, OEB staff, Energy Probe and VECC. OSLP did not participate in settlement discussions but did

provide input and suggestions to Hydro One Remotes via e-mail prior to the settlement conference. The parties reached a settlement on all issues in the proceeding with the exception of Issues 5.4 that relates to Hydro One Remotes' proposed plan for First Nation relations<sup>1</sup>.

Hydro One Remotes filed the settlement proposal on February 22, 2018. OEB staff filed a submission on March 1, 2018, supporting the settlement proposal. With respect to the unsettled issue, OEB staff noted that the overall scope of the issue was sufficiently narrow and recommended that the issue be addressed through oral arguments on the Presentation Day.

The OEB accepts the suggestion of OEB staff to hear oral arguments on the unsettled issue. The OEB advises all parties to ensure that they are prepared to make oral arguments on Presentation Day with respect to the unsettled issue and respond to any questions from the Hearing Panel.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The OEB will hold a presentation day on **March 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** in the OEB's hearing room at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto for Hydro One Remotes to present to the OEB the settlement proposal and to hear arguments on the unsettled issue.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2017-0051** 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. 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.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Issue 5.4: Is the plan for First Nation relations appropriate and adequately explained?

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**DATED** at Toronto, March 5, 2018

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