



EB-2017-0084

Westario Power Inc.

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

**DECISION ON THE ISSUES LIST
March 26, 2018**

Westario Power Inc. (Westario Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 22, 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 Westario Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2018.

A Decision on Interim Rates and Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on February 7, 2018 in which the OEB approved intervenor status for Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), School Energy Coalition (SEC), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). The OEB also approved cost eligibility for Energy Probe, SEC and VECC.

The Decision on Interim Rates and Procedural Order No. 1 also established the settlement conference dates of March 27, 2018 to March 29, 2018, and a deadline to file a draft issues list of March 23, 2018.

On March 22, 2018, OEB staff filed a proposed issues list, which was agreed to by all parties.

Finding

The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and finds it appropriate for the purpose of this cost of service application proceeding. The Approved Issues List is attached to this Decision as Schedule A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Approved Issues List for OEB proceeding EB-2017-0084, attached as Schedule A, shall be used for the purpose of this proceeding.

DATED at Toronto, March 26, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirstin Walli
Board Secretary

Schedule A

**Westario Power Inc.
2018 Distribution Cost of Service Application
OEB File Number EB-2017-0084**

APPROVED ISSUES LIST

March 26, 2018

**Approved Issues List
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Westario Power Inc.**

1. PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of the Applicant and its customers
- the distribution system plan, and
- the business plan.

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of the Applicant and its customers
- the distribution system plan, and
- the business plan.

2. REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Are all elements of the Revenue Requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

2.2 Has the Revenue Requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3. LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

3.1 Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the number and energy and demand requirements of the applicant's customers?

3.2 Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios appropriate?

3.3 Are the applicant's proposals for rate design appropriate?

3.4 Has the applicant appropriately applied the OEB's policy on residential rate design?

3.5 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage Service Rates appropriate?

4. ACCOUNTING

4.1 Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?

4.2 Are the applicant's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, and the continuation of existing accounts appropriate?

5. OTHER

5.1 Is the proposed microFIT rate appropriate?

5.2 Is the proposed effective date for 2018 rates appropriate?