



**EB-2018-0082**

**Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation  
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.**

**Application for approval to amalgamate and continue  
operations as a single electricity distribution company**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

**May 22, 2018**

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (Erie Thames Powerlines) and West Coast Huron Energy Inc. (West Coast Huron Energy) filed an application on March 14, 2018 under sections 18 and 86 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single electricity distribution company. The applicants are asking the OEB to approve:

- The amalgamation of Erie Thames Powerlines and West Coast Huron Energy
- To transfer West Coast Huron Energy's distribution systems to Erie Thames Powerlines
- Transfer West Coast Huron Energy's distribution licenses and rate orders to Erie Thames Powerlines
- Amendment of Erie Thames Powerlines' electricity distribution license to include the service territory of West Coast Huron Energy

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on April 16, 2018. Each of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), Mr. James McCartney and Mr. Gord Garland applied for intervenor status. VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

Each of VECC, Mr. James McCartney and Mr. Gord Garland is approved as an intervenor. VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

### Interrogatories

At this time, provision will be made for written interrogatories. Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be relevant and material to the OEB's review of a consolidation application. In developing interrogatories, parties should refer to the OEB's *Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations*, for what the OEB considers in its review. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Mr. Garland noted his preference for an oral hearing. The OEB will make its decision on the type of hearing later in the process.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff, VECC, Mr. James McCartney and Mr. Gord Garland shall request any information and material from the applicants that is in addition to the evidence already filed and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **June 4, 2018**.
2. The applicants shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **June 18, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0082** 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 <http://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 or USB 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, Andrew Bishop at [andrew.bishop@oeb.ca](mailto:andrew.bishop@oeb.ca), Assistant Case Manager David Martinello at [david.martinello@oeb.ca](mailto:david.martinello@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at [james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca](mailto:james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **May 22, 2018**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj**

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Kristi Sebalj  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
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**LIST OF PARTIES**  
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**WEST COAST HURON ENERGY INC.**  
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**Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation  
EB-2018-0082**

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