



**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. 2**

**June 1, 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 licences and rate orders to Erie Thames Powerlines
- Amendment of Erie Thames Powerlines' electricity distribution licence to include the service territory of West Coast Huron Energy

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on April 16, 2018.

On May 22, 2018, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, in which the OEB granted Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), Mr. James McCartney and Mr. Gord Garland intervenor status; granted VECC eligibility for an award of costs; and established an interrogatory process.

Interrogatories, if any, from OEB staff, VECC, Mr. McCartney and Mr. Garland were to be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by June 4, 2018. On May 30, 2018, Mr. Garland filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension of the deadline for

submission of his interrogatories to June 8, 2018. Mr. Garland also requested that the OEB grant him eligibility for an award of costs.

The OEB grants Mr. Garland's request for an extension for filing his interrogatories. All other parties are still required to submit their interrogatories on June 4, 2018.

Mr. Garland is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Mr. Garland has intervenor status in his personal capacity. Individuals that represent their own interests should carefully review the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* for information about the types of costs and disbursements that an individual may claim. For example, while wage or salary losses incurred by an individual intervenor as a result of participating in an OEB hearing may be claimed, those individuals will not generally be permitted to claim fees for their own time under the OEB's Cost Award Tariff.

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.

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. 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 8, 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://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, **June 1, 2018**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj**

*Original signed by*

Kristi Sebalj  
Registrar