



Essex Powerlines Corporation

Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2018

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 June 12, 2018

Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 28, 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 Essex Powerlines charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2018.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on December 6, 2017. The School Energy Coalition (SEC), Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) applied for, and were granted, intervenor status.

The OEB held a settlement conference on March 13 and 14, 2018. Essex Powerlines, SEC, VECC, and HONI (collectively the parties) reached a partial settlement and filed a settlement proposal with the OEB on April 13, 2018 (settlement proposal).

The parties were able to reach complete settlement on all issues with the exception of an interim recovery of a net amount of \$1.8 million from customers as identified in an OEB audit.

The OEB set out procedures for Essex Powerlines to provide additional information pertaining to the unsettled issue and an opportunity for intervenors and OEB staff to ask additional interrogatories. Essex Powerlines filed the additional information on May 17, 2018. OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories on May 24, 2018 and Essex Powerlines responded on June 7, 2018.

The parties proposed in the settlement proposal that the unsettled issue should be resolved through written submissions starting with Essex Powerlines' argument-in-chief, followed by submissions from OEB staff and intervenors, and reply submissions from Essex Powerlines. The OEB accepts the parties' proposed process for written submissions.

The OEB makes provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Essex Powerlines shall file with the OEB its argument-in-chief and serve it on all intervenors by **June 22, 2018**.
2. OEB staff shall file written submissions with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **July 3, 2018**.
3. Intervenors shall file written submissions with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **July 6, 2018**.
4. Essex Powerlines shall file with the OEB its reply submission and serve them on all intervenors by **July 16, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2017-0039, be made in searchable / unrestricted PDF format electronically 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/OEB/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, Donald Lau at donald.lau@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **June 12, 2018**

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