



EB-2018-0236

**Veridian Connections Inc.
Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation**

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

October 12, 2018

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian Connections) and Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation (Whitby Hydro) filed an application on July 30, 2018 under sections 18, 60, 77(5) and 86(1)(c) and 86(2)(b) 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:

- Leave for a new holding company (referred to as Merged Holdco in the application) to acquire control of Veridian Corporation (the parent company of Veridian Connections) and Whitby Hydro Energy Corporation (the parent company of Whitby Hydro)
- The amalgamation of Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro to form a new electricity distribution company referred to in the application as LDC Mergeco
- The issuance of an electricity distribution licence for LDC Mergeco
- The cancellation of the electricity distribution licences of Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro when the electricity distribution licence for LDC Mergeco is issued
- The transfer of the current and any future rate orders and rate riders of Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro to LDC Mergeco
- The continued tracking of costs by LDC Mergeco to existing deferral and variance accounts of Veridian Connections and Whitby Hydro

- A deferral account to track any material differences between the revenue requirement calculated using pre-merger accounting policies and the revenue requirement calculated using post-merger accounting policies

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on September 13, 2018. The Power Workers' Union (PWU) applied for intervenor status. The PWU did not apply for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Veridian Connections or Whitby Hydro.

The PWU is approved as an intervenor. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

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.

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.

The applicants have requested a written 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 and PWU 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 **October 23, 2018**.

2. The applicants shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on the PWU by **November 1, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0236** 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/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 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, Ritchie Murray at ritchie.murray@oeb.ca, and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 12, 2018**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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