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BY E-MAIL

October 26, 2018

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Energy+ Inc. (Energy+)

2019 Cost of Service Appliaction OEB File Number EB-2018-0028

**OEB Staff Submission of Proposed Issues List** 

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff advises the OEB that parties have come to an agreement regarding an issues list for Energy+'s 2019 distribution rate application. The proposed issues list is attached.

Energy+ and all intervenors have been copied on this filing.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Shuo Zhang Advisor, Major Applications

Attach.

# Proposed Issues List EB-2018-0028 Energy+ 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, including the proposal for distribution rate harmonization?
- 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 LV Rates appropriate?
- **3.6** Is the proposal for using gross load billing for Retail Transmission Rates for customers who have load displacement generation appropriate?
- **3.7** Is the proposal for implementing a standby charge for the Large Use, GS 1,000 to 4,999 kW and GS 50 to 999 kW customer classes with load displacement 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 effective date (i.e. January 1, 2019) for 2019 rates appropriate?