



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. 3
November 15, 2018**

Veridian Connections Inc. (Veridian Connections) and Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation (Whitby Hydro) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application on July 30, 2018 under Sections 18, 60, 77(5), 86(1)(c) and 86(2)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for approval to amalgamate and continue operations as a single electricity distribution company.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Notice of Hearing on September 13, 2018. On October 12, 2018, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, in which it approved the Power Workers' Union (PWU) as an intervenor, and made provision for interrogatories to the Applicants and responses to those interrogatories (due October 23, 2018 and November 1, 2018, respectively).

On October 12, 2018, the School Energy Coalition (SEC) filed a letter requesting late intervenor status in this proceeding. SEC was approved as an intervenor.

In Procedural Order No. 2, issued on October 23, 2018, written interrogatories were to be filed by October 26, 2018 and written responses from the Applicants were to be filed by November 5, 2018.

On October 29, 2018, the Applicants, through their counsel, requested an extension to the date by which the Applicants were to file written interrogatory responses. The

Applicants explained that given the quantum and nature of the interrogatories, and the need to involve utility management and operations staff that hold other obligations, it would not be possible to meet the November 5, 2018 deadline.

In a letter dated October 30, 2018, the OEB granted an extension to the filing deadline for the Applicants' written interrogatory responses to November 9, 2018. On November 9, 2018, the Applicants filed written interrogatory responses with the OEB.

Procedural Steps

The OEB has determined that the application will proceed by way of a written hearing.

The OEB considers 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, PWU and SEC shall file their submissions, if any, with the OEB and deliver them to the Applicants and all other parties on or before **November 27, 2018**.
2. The Applicants shall file their reply submission, if any, with the OEB and serve it on all parties on or before **December 7, 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 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, and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 15, 2018**

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