Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2018-0028

Energy+ Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates and harmonizing rates and charges in the Cambridge and North Dumfries and Brant County service areas beginning January 1, 2019

DECISION ON INTERIM RATES AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6 November 27, 2018

Energy+ Inc. (Energy+) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 30, 2018 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 Energy+ charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2019.

On November 16, 2018, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 5, which granted Energy+ an extension of one week for parties to continue working towards a potential settlement of some or all of the issues.

By letter dated November 23, 2018, Energy+ notified the OEB that parties were still continuing to work towards a potential settlement and that another extension of one week would be needed. The OEB has considered this second request and appreciates the parties continued commitment in trying to come to a settlement on some or all issues. Therefore, the OEB grants the extension by one week.

Energy+ also requested that the OEB declare Energy+'s currently approved rates to be interim, effective January 1, 2019. Given the delay in the schedule, the OEB will declare Energy+'s current rates interim as of January 1, 2019. This determination of interim rates is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on Energy+'s application and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination of the effective date for rates arising from the application.

In Procedural Order No. 5, a tentative date of December 14, 2018 was scheduled for Energy+ to present any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. The OEB is hereby cancelling this date and will communicate a new date to parties if required.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **December 12, 2018**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues.
- 2. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties on or before December 19, 2018.
- If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Energy+ shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by November 28, 2018. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by November 30, 2018 any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 4. Energy+'s current OEB approved Tariff of Rates and Charges is declared interim effective January 1, 2019.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0028, 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 https://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 USB flash drive 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, Shuo Zhang at Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, November 27, 2018

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