



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**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7
December 21, 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.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on May 28, 2018 followed by Procedural Order No.1 on July 26, 2018, in which the OEB set out the schedule of procedural steps, including a settlement conference and the filing of a settlement proposal.

A settlement conference was held from November 7 to November 9, 2018 and continued by tele-conferences until December 12, 2018. Energy+ filed a partial settlement proposal setting out an agreement among all the parties to the proceeding on December 12, 2018.

While this Procedural Order does not address or approve the settlement proposal at this time, the OEB notes that as it is a partial settlement, there are a number of partially settled and unsettled issues. Parties have also submitted that the remaining issues would be most efficiently disposed of by way of an oral hearing, and that additional discovery on the updated evidence, cost allocation and rate design issues would be appropriate prior to the start of the oral hearing. Parties have suggested that a

transcribed technical conference would be the most efficient means of conducting additional discovery.

The OEB agrees that it would be appropriate to have a technical conference prior to the start of the oral hearing so that the most current and accurate information is before the hearing panel and that all parties have had an opportunity to clarify the evidence before the hearing commences.

In order to make the best use of the time allocated for the technical conference, parties intending to participate will be required to file written questions in advance. Energy+ and TMMC are expected to have the necessary personnel available during the technical conference who are able to respond to the matters raised in the technical conference questions, thereby reducing the number of undertakings that need to be fulfilled after the technical conference.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A transcribed technical conference will be held on **January 23, 2019** starting at 9:30 a.m. and continue on **January 24, 2019** if required. Parties intending to participate in the technical conference are required to file with the OEB, questions or confirmation of the particular areas of evidence that they seek to address to Energy+ or TMMC or both and copy all other parties by **January 16, 2019**.
2. Any technical conference undertaking responses shall be filed with the OEB no later than **February 6, 2019**.
3. If necessary, Energy+ and / or TMMC shall file updated evidence that is relevant to this proceeding with the OEB, copied to all parties, by **February 15, 2019**.
4. An oral hearing will be convened on **March 7, 2019** starting at 9:30 a.m., at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, and continue on **March 8, 2019**, if necessary.

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 <http://www.pes.oeb.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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