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



EB-2018-0063

Ottawa River Power Corporation

Application for electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2019

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 January 10, 2019

Ottawa River Power Corporation (Ottawa River Power) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 25, 2018 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B),seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2019. The application included a request for new rate riders to recover the revenue relating to an Incremental Capital Module (ICM) for construction of a new municipal substation.

The OEB issued a Notice of Hearing on October 19, 2018. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility. No objection was received.

VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and only in relation to Ottawa River Power's ICM request.

In Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB established a schedule for filing interrogatories and responses related to the application. After reviewing the interrogatory responses, OEB staff filed a letter with the OEB on January 9, 2019 requesting a second round of interrogatories. The letter indicated that OEB staff sought to clarify apparent discrepancies in the evidence and obtain additional evidence to assess the ICM request.

The OEB finds OEB staff's request reasonable and will allow OEB staff and VECC to file supplemental interrogatories related to Ottawa River Power's ICM request. The OEB

has established a schedule for filing supplemental interrogatories, responses and written submissions that should enable a May 1, 2019 effective date for new rates and rate riders.

Parties are reminded to 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.

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 VECC shall request information and material from Ottawa River Power regarding the ICM request by way of written supplementary interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to Ottawa River Power and all other parties by January 17, 2019.
- Ottawa River Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the supplementary interrogatories and deliver them to intervenors by January 31, 2019.
- 3. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all other parties by **February 14, 2019**.
- 4. Unless the OEB orders otherwise, Ottawa River Power may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and deliver it to intervenors by **February 28, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0063 and be made electronically in searchable/unrestricted PDF format 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 http://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 CD 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, Judy But at <u>Judy.But@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at <u>Richard.Lanni@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, January 10, 2019

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