

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2024**

**DECISION ON THE FILING OF EXPERT EVIDENCE
February 14, 2019**

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) filed a 5-year Custom Incentive Rate-setting (IR) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 15, 2018 (updated September 14, 2018) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its distribution rates, to be effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

The OEB issued its Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2 on November 21, 2018 in which parties were asked to inform the OEB of an intent to file expert evidence.

By letter, dated January 16, 2019, OEB staff advised of its intent to file expert evidence in this proceeding. OEB staff noted that it retained Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) to provide expert evidence presenting PEG's review of the evidence prepared by Power Systems Engineering Inc. for Toronto Hydro with respect to total cost performance, and on other elements of Toronto Hydro's proposed custom incentive rate-setting proposal.¹

By letter, dated February 12, 2019, the Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC) advised of its intent to file expert evidence in this proceeding. DRC noted that it intends to file expert evidence by Dr. Josipa Petrunic who is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Urban Transit Research & Innovation Consortium. The expert evidence will address:

¹ EB-2018-0165, OEB Staff Letter – Expert Evidence, January 16, 2019, p. 1.

- Customer efficiencies effected through integration of electric vehicles (EVs) and related distributed energy resource (DER) charging infrastructure into distribution systems
- EVs and related DER charging infrastructure as a reliability resource for distribution systems
- Integration of EVs and related DER charging infrastructure into distribution system planning and related operations and maintenance considerations
- EV-related DER considerations for distribution rate base and rate design²

Decision on the Filing of Expert Evidence

The OEB finds that the proposed expert evidence to be filed by OEB staff (the PEG evidence) and DRC (the Dr. Petrunic evidence) is relevant to this proceeding. OEB staff and DRC shall file this evidence no later than March 12, 2019 in accordance with the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2.

All other dates set out in the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2 also remain unchanged.

DATED at Toronto, **February 14, 2019**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

² EB-2018-0165, DRC Letter – Expert Evidence, February 12, 2019, pp. 1-2.