

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges beginning May 1, 2019**

DECISION ON ISSUES LIST

February 25, 2019

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. (Lakeland Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 27, 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 Lakeland Power charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2019.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 31, 2018. The School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC) applied for, and were granted, intervenor status in the proceeding.

On February 12, 2019, in accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff informed the OEB that all parties had reached an agreement on a proposed issues list.

Decision

The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purpose of this proceeding. The approved issues list is attached as Schedule A.

DATED at Toronto, February 25, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A

APPROVED ISSUES LIST

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ISSUES LIST
EB-2018-0050
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.

1.0 PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Lakeland Power and its customers
- the distribution system plan
- the business plan

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
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2.0 REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Are all elements of the revenue requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

- 2.2** Has the revenue requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3.0 LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

- 3.1** Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of Lakeland Power's customers?
- 3.2** Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Lakeland Power's proposals for rate design appropriate, including the proposal for distribution rate harmonization?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage service rates appropriate?

4.0 ACCOUNTING

- 4.1** Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?
- 4.2** Are Lakeland Power's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for new accounts and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

- 5.1** Is the microFIT monthly service charge appropriate?
- 5.2** Are the Specific Service Charges appropriate?
- 5.3** Is the proposed effective date (i.e. May 1, 2019) for 2019 rates appropriate?
- 5.4** Is Lakeland Power's proposal to harmonize rates effective May 1, 2019 appropriate?