

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6
March 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.

In the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 2, dated November 21, 2018, the OEB set out a schedule of procedural steps, which included a Technical Conference and the filing of expert evidence. A Decision on the Filing of Expert Evidence was issued on February 14, 2019, in which the filing of expert evidence was granted to OEB staff (the Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) evidence) and Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC) (Dr. Petrunic's evidence).

By letter dated March 12, 2019, DRC advised of unexpected delays in the preparation of expert evidence and requested an extension to the date for filing evidence to March 20, 2019 and proposed a further change to deadlines with respect to interrogatories on DRC's evidence and responses.

OEB staff also filed a similar request to have the filing deadline extended to allow for further clarification by its consultant, PEG on certain undertakings given during the Technical Conference. The undertaking responses were filed on March 4, 2019. OEB staff noted that the clarification of information would allow PEG to provide for better analysis and comparison of reported data by U.S. and Ontario utilities. OEB staff proposed new timelines to accommodate the extra work PEG would be required to do and noted the extension would not have any impact on the remaining timelines.

The OEB has determined that it will allow the extension in order to have full and complete expert evidence on record. The OEB agrees with OEB staff that this extension can be accommodated without affecting the remaining scheduled procedural steps.

As such, the dates for all other procedural steps set out in the Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 4 remain unchanged. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. OEB staff and DRC shall file its respective expert evidence with the OEB, and provide copies to Toronto Hydro and intervenors, by **March 20, 2019**.
2. Intervenors or the applicant shall request any relevant information and documentation regarding either PEG's evidence or Dr. Petrunic's evidence or both by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 29, 2019**.
3. OEB staff and DRC shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories on their respective expert evidence and shall file and serve them on the applicant and all intervenors by **April 11, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2018-0165**, 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 <http://www.oeb.ca/OEB/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, Lawrie Gluck at lawrie.gluck@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@oeb.ca.

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