

ORDER

EB-2017-0371

Revoking Interim Order on Unit Sub-Meter Provider Charges

BEFORE: Lynne Anderson Presiding Member

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2018, amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) were proclaimed into force providing the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) with the authority to regulate the rates charged by unit sub-meter providers (USMPs).

Soon after the Government of Ontario indicated its intention to proclaim those amendments into force, on October 27, 2017,¹ the OEB initiated a consultation to establish the method(s) for regulating USMP charges. However, because that consultation was still in progress when the proclamation was made, the OEB issued an interim order on March 15, 2018. The interim order authorized licensed USMPs to continue to apply, on an interim basis, the charges set out in any agreements with their customers, from April 1, 2018 until new charges were approved.

On April 3, 2019, with the passage of Bill 66, *An Act to restore Ontario's competitiveness by amending or repealing certain Acts*, the provisions of the OEB Act establishing the OEB's rate-making powers in respect of USMPs were repealed. As a result, the consultation has been closed, and the interim order is no longer necessary. The interim order is therefore being revoked, effective April 3, 2019.

The OEB is revoking the interim order on its own motion and without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the OEB Act. The revocation is a housekeeping matter which will have no effect, adverse or otherwise, on USMPs or their customers. Even if it were not revoked, the interim order would be superseded by the April 3, 2019 amendments.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Effective April 3, 2019, the Decision and Interim Order issued on March 15, 2018 (EB-2017-0371) is revoked.

DATED at Toronto, May 2, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

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¹ See the <u>posting</u> on the Regulatory Registry on October 27, 2017.