



Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation

Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2019

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 May 16, 2019

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (Chapleau Public Utilities) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 31, 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 Chapleau Public Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2019. The application was updated on November 26, 2018.

Procedural Order No. 2, issued on March 21, 2019, set out revised dates for some of the procedural steps in this proceeding, among other items. These procedural steps included a Settlement Conference, the date by which a settlement proposal, if any, was to be filed, and the date by which Chapleau Public Utilities was to advise the OEB if there was no settlement arising from the Settlement Conference.

A Settlement Conference was convened on April 17 and April 18, 2019.

Procedural Order No. 3, issued on April 25, 2019, extended the May 1, 2019 deadline for making submissions with respect to the form of hearing to May 15, 2019. The OEB determined that such submissions would need to be filed only if a complete settlement proposal was not filed by that date.

On May 15, 2019, Chapleau Public Utilities filed a letter with the OEB stating that the parties are continuing to work towards the filing of a settlement proposal, but it will not be able to file this document before the May 15, 2019 deadline. Chapleau Public Utilities requested an extension to file a settlement proposal to May 22, 2019.

The OEB grants the requested extension and the revised dates are shown below. Please be advised that changes to the case schedule could affect the timing of the OEB's decision in the application. It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **May 22, 2019**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.
- If there is no settlement proposal arising from the Settlement Conference, Chapleau Public Utilities shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by May 22, 2019. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by May 22, 2019 any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 3. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **June 4, 2019** starting at 1 p.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25th floor, Toronto, for Chapleau Public Utilities to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2018-0087, 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, Fiona O'Connell at <u>Fiona.OConnell@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at <u>Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, May 16, 2019

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