

EnWin Utilities Ltd.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges beginning January 1, 2020**

**DECISION ON ISSUES LIST
&
PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

August 20, 2019

EnWin Utilities Ltd. (EnWin Utilities) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 26, 2019 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that EnWin Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2020.

Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on June 21, 2019 which, among other things, set a schedule for various steps in this proceeding and granted intervenor status to each of Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Consumers Council of Canada, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

Issues List

On August 14, 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.

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.

Confidentiality

By letter dated July 31, 2019 and pursuant the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, EnWin Utilities requested confidential treatment for documents filed in response to interrogatory AMPCO – 40. These documents are correspondence related to commercial negotiations between EnWin Utilities and a customer.

In accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, EnWin Utilities has provided reasons for the confidentiality request, including reasons why public disclosure of the information would be contrary to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. EnWin Utilities submits that the disclosure of these documents would prejudice that customer's negotiating position. EnWin Utilities also submits that disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interest and competitive position of, cause undue financial loss to, and be injurious to the financial interest of the customer.

At this time, provision will be made for the filing of submissions on EnWin Utilities' request for confidentiality. Counsel and consultants for intervenors that wish to make submissions on the request for confidentiality shall be granted access to the un-redacted documents provided they have executed the OEB's [Declaration and Undertaking](#). The signed Declaration and Undertaking shall be filed with the OEB and a copy shall be delivered to EnWin Utilities. If EnWin Utilities objects to a Declaration and Undertaking, the objection shall be filed with the OEB and copied to the relevant party within **5 days** from the receipt of the Declaration and Undertaking. The relevant party shall file its reply, if any, with the OEB and deliver a copy to EnWin Utilities, within **5 days** from the receipt of the objection.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB. All other dates from Procedural Order No. 1 remain the same.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Issues List attached as Schedule A is approved.
2. OEB staff and intervenors who wish to make written submissions on EnWin Utilities' confidentiality request shall file such submissions with the OEB, and serve them on EnWin Utilities and all other intervenors, by **August 27, 2019**.
3. If EnWin Utilities wishes to respond to any of the submissions, the reply submission shall be filed with the OEB and served on all intervenors by **September 4, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2019-0032**, be made in searchable/unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.oeb.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 memory stick 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 Registrar 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, Tina Li at Tina.Li@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, August 20, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A
APPROVED ISSUES LIST

EnWin Utilities Ltd.

EB-2019-0032

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2020 Cost of Service Application EB-2019-0032

1. 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, and
- the objectives of EnWin Utilities 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
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2. 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. 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 number and energy and demand requirements of EnWin Utilities' customers?

3.2 Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios appropriate?

3.3 Are EnWin Utilities' proposals for rate design, including the elimination of the intermediate rate class and the Large Use –Ford Annex rate class, appropriate?

3.4 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates appropriate?

4. 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 EnWin Utilities' proposals for deferral and variance accounts (excluding Account 1575), including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, the continuation of existing accounts and the request of a new account appropriate?

4.3 Are EnWin Utilities' proposed balance and method for the disposition of the Account 1575 IFRS-CGAAP Transition Deferral Account appropriate?

5. OTHER

5.1 Are the specific service charges proposed by EnWin Utilities appropriate?

5.2 Is the proposed Gross Load Billing for Retail Transmission Rates – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rates appropriate?

5.3 Is the proposed effective date (i.e. January 1, 2020) for 2020 rates appropriate?