

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 9

August 23, 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.

The OEB issued Procedural Order (PO) No 1. on October 25, 2018, which granted intervenor status to the following:

- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (AMPCO)
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Greater Toronto (BOMA)
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Distributed Resource Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Power Workers' Union (PWU)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

Norman David Hann, P. Eng. and the Greater Toronto Apartment Dwayne R. Quinn Association (GTAA) were granted late intervenor status on November 27, 2018 and January 3, 2019 respectively.

The OEB issued a Decision on Confidentiality and PO No. 4 on February 27, 2019 which, among other things, set a schedule for various steps in the proceeding.

By letter dated August 22, 2019, DRC requested an extension to the date for filing submissions on the argument-in-chief from August 26, 2019 to August 30, 2019 on the basis of summer scheduling and unanticipated procedures in competing proceedings.

By letters dated August 23, 2019, the following intervenors supported an extension:

- VECC submitted that they support DRC's request for an extension from August 26, 2019 to August 30, 2019 since they have commitments for other Board proceedings, including three settlement conferences in a two week period. VECC noted that granting the extension would have a small impact on this proceeding, and requested the extension be granted to all intervenors.
- CCC requested an extension from August 26, 2019 to August 29, 2019. CCC submitted that they have been occupied with settlement conferences and one technical conference. CCC mentioned that this proceeding is extensive and complex and would like more time for a thorough review of OEB staff's submission on the argument-in-chief.
- PWU, AMPCO and Norman D Hann P. Eng. submitted that they agree with the extension requested in the correspondence from DRC, CCC and VECC, for the reasons given therein, and requested the extension be granted to all intervenors.

By letter dated August 23, 2019, Toronto Hydro objected to these requests on the grounds that it will require all of the time currently granted by the OEB to prepare its reply by September 13, 2019. Even if additional days are granted for Toronto Hydro to file its reply, this is of limited assistance as key Toronto Hydro staff have scheduling conflicts after September 13, 2019. Toronto Hydro suggested that an extension of two days would be manageable.

Findings:

The OEB has reviewed the requests and has determined that it will grant a two day extension for all intervenors to file their submissions on the argument-in-chief from August 26, 2019 to August 28, 2019. The OEB scheduled the dates for these submissions in February 2019, with the expectation that setting dates far in advance would enable parties to manage their time and resources. As such, intervenors are encouraged to file their submissions on August 26, 2019. Toronto Hydro will be granted an extension to September 17, 2019 to file its reply argument.

The revised dates for submissions are below. The dates for the procedural steps 7 & 8 in the Decision on Confidentiality and PO No. 4 are superseded by the dates below. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Intervenor shall file any submissions on Toronto Hydro's argument-in-chief with the OEB and forward them to all parties by **August 28, 2019**.
2. Toronto Hydro shall file its reply submission with the OEB forward it to all parties by **September 17, 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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