

**Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates effective  
January 1, 2020**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
September 17, 2019**

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Oakville Hydro) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 12, 2019 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2020.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 29, 2019. Each of Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Canadian Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Pollution Probe, School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Oakville Hydro.

Pollution Probe's request for intervenor status and cost eligibility is denied.

Pollution Probe states that its interest in Oakville Hydro's application is "... to focus on distribution system costs, LRAM [Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism] and the distribution system plan, particularly given that significant system planning assumptions and policy changes have occurred since the plan was produced by the utility."<sup>1</sup> The OEB notes that distribution system plans are reviewed as part of a distributors' rebasing application and Oakville Hydro's distribution system plan for the period 2014-2018 was reviewed as part of its rebasing application<sup>2</sup>. The OEB's review of IRM applications is a mechanistic process and not an appropriate venue to conduct a review of a utility's

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<sup>1</sup> Pollution Probe Letter of Intervention, September 9, 2019

<sup>2</sup> EB-2013-0159

distribution system plan. The OEB recognizes that Oakville Hydro has also applied for additional capital for four discrete projects related to the relocation of assets due to municipal road widening works and to support Hydro One related upgrades. The OEB notes that the distribution system plan to which Pollution Probe refers was for the planning period that ended in 2018 and does not cover the above-referenced projects.

The OEB also notes that Pollution Probe has not provided any information on the scope of its interest related to distribution system costs or LRAM. Therefore, the OEB is not satisfied that Pollution Probe has a substantial interest in this proceeding within the meaning of Rule 22.02 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. AMPCO, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing. It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Oakville Hydro that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Oakville Hydro and all other parties by **October 3, 2019**.
2. Oakville Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all Intervenor(s) by **October 18, 2019**.
3. Any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **November 7, 2019**.
4. Oakville Hydro may file a written reply submission with the OEB, and served on all intervenor(s) by **November 21, 2019**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2019-0059, 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/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, Marc Abramovitz at [marc.abramovitz@oeb.ca](mailto:marc.abramovitz@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at [lawren.murray@oeb.ca](mailto:lawren.murray@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **September 17, 2019**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Christine E. Long**

*Original signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar  
Office of the Registrar

**Schedule A**  
**To**  
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