

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
September 27, 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*) seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2020.

Procedural Order No. 1, dated September 17, 2019, approved the following as intervenors in this proceeding: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) (collectively, the intervenors). Procedural Order No. 1 also set out a schedule for written interrogatories and submissions in this proceeding.

On September 22, 2019, the intervenors filed a Notice of Motion seeking an order:

- i. Bifurcating this proceeding between consideration of the incremental capital module (ICM) funding request, and consideration of all other aspects of the application
- ii. Seeking submissions from all parties on whether it is appropriate for Oakville Hydro, in its second rebasing deferral year, and without prior disclosure to the OEB of its intention to seek ICM funding, to apply for ICM funding in this IRM application

The Notice of Motion relates to procedural aspects of this proceeding. The OEB has considered the requests set out in the Notice of Motion. The OEB's Rule 4.01 prescribes that the OEB may at any time in a proceeding make orders with respect to the procedure and practices that apply in the proceeding. Consistent with this rule, the OEB has determined that it wants to receive submissions from parties and OEB staff on the preliminary question of whether it is appropriate for Oakville Hydro to apply for ICM funding in this circumstance. This Procedural Order sets out a schedule for those

submissions. The OEB will determine further steps regarding the ICM portion of the application after considering this preliminary question.

The OEB has further decided that it will process the standard ICM elements of the application separate from the request for ICM funding. The schedule for the non-ICM portion of the application is set out below and timelines remain the same as set out in Procedural Order No. 1.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters in this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Non-ICM (IRM) elements

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Oakville Hydro relating to the non-ICM elements of the application 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 complete written responses to the non-ICM interrogatories with the OEB and serve them on all intervenors by **October 18, 2019**.
3. OEB staff and intervenors shall file any written submissions on the non-ICM elements of the application with the OEB and serve them on all other parties by **November 7, 2019**.
4. Oakville Hydro shall file any written reply submission on the non-ICM elements of the application with the OEB, and serve it on all intervenors by **November 21, 2019**.

ICM elements

5. OEB staff and the intervenors shall file any written submissions on the preliminary question of whether it is appropriate for Oakville Hydro to apply for ICM funding as part of its 2020 application with the OEB and serve them on Oakville Hydro and all other parties by **October 10, 2019**.

6. Oakville Hydro shall file a written reply submission on the preliminary question with the OEB, and serve it on all intervenors by **October 24, 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/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 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, Marc Abramovitz at marc.abramovitz@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at lawren.murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, September 27, 2019

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