

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
December 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*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2020.

As part of its 2020 IRM application, Oakville Hydro also applied for an Incremental Capital Module (ICM) to recover costs associated with four system access projects that are to be completed before December 31, 2019.

Procedural Order (PO) No. 1, dated September 17, 2019, approved the following intervenors:

- The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- School Energy Coalition
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

On September 23, 2019, the intervenors filed a Notice of Motion seeking an order:¹

- i. Bifurcating this proceeding between consideration of the 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.

In PO No. 2, dated September 27, 2019, the OEB determined that it would process the standard IRM elements of the application separate from the request for ICM funding.

¹ EB-2019-0059, Notice of Motion, September 23, 2019

The OEB further decided that it wanted 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.²

On October 10, 2019, OEB staff and intervenors filed submissions on the preliminary question and on October 24, 2019, Oakville Hydro filed its reply submission.

On November 14, 2019, the OEB issued a Decision and Order on the preliminary question and determined that it will hear Oakville Hydro's request for ICM funding. At that time, the OEB made provisions for interrogatories on the ICM funding issue.

On November 28, 2019, OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories and on December 12, 2019, Oakville Hydro filed responses to the interrogatories on the ICM funding issue.

Having reviewed the interrogatory responses, the OEB has determined to proceed with written submissions from the parties at this time.

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:

1. Oakville Hydro shall file an argument in chief with the OEB, and serve it on all parties by **January 13, 2020**.
2. OEB staff and the intervenors shall file any written submissions with the OEB and serve them on Oakville Hydro and all other parties by **January 27, 2020**.
3. Oakville Hydro shall file a written reply submission with the OEB, and serve it on all intervenors by **February 10, 2020**.

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.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 email address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS

² Procedural Order No. 2, September 27, 2019, p. 1

Document Guideline found at <https://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 computer access are required to file seven 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, December 17, 2019

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