



Hydro Ottawa Limited

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5 August 27, 2020

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on February 11, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2021, and for each following year through to December 31, 2025.

In its Decision on the Issues List and Procedural Order No. 3 dated June 22, 2020, the OEB, among other matters, provided for a settlement conference on August 10-12, 2020 and directed Hydro Ottawa to file any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference by August 27, 2020.

In a letter to the OEB dated August 25, 2020, Hydro Ottawa requested an extension to the date for the filing of the settlement proposal due to ongoing discussions among the parties and the complexity of some of the issues at hand. Hydro Ottawa and the intervenors sought an extension of the deadline for filing a settlement proposal to September 4, 2020 and suggested that a similar extension be applied to any submission from OEB staff on the settlement proposal.

Based on the reasons provided in the Hydro Ottawa letter, the OEB will allow an extension for the filing of the settlement proposal and for any submission from OEB staff. The amended dates are set out below.

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. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **September 4**, **2020**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.
- 2. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 15, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2019-0261**, be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, 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 https://www.oeb.ca/industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to boardsec@oeb.ca.

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, Shuo Zhang at Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, August 27, 2020

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