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EB-2020-0008

Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2021

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 15, 2020

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 7, 2020 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, 2021.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 21, 2020. Each of School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Canadian Niagara Power.

SEC and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and only in relation to Canadian Niagara Power's Z-Factor claim, to recover storm damage costs.

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 Canadian Niagara Power that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Canadian Niagara Power and all other parties by **October 1, 2020**.
- 2. Canadian Niagara Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **October 15, 2020**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 29, 2020**.
- 4. Canadian Niagara Power may file a reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors by **November 12, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0008**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</u>. 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 <u>https://www.oeb.ca/industry</u>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to <u>boardsec@oeb.ca</u>.

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 <u>marc.abramovitz@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Richard Lanni at <u>richard.lanni@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, September 15, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

Original signed by

Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary

SCHEDULE A

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

DATED: September 15, 2020

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