



## Licence Amendment Extension Request

Power Purchase Agreement with Brookfield Renewable Trading  
and Marketing LP and Waltham Power and Company LP

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**IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O.

1998, c.15, (Schedule B); **AND IN THE MATTER OF** an

Application by Ottawa River Power Corporation to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving an extension to its licence amendment allowing the purchase of power from Quebec. The request would extend the existing agreement from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**1. Applicant**

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**2. Application**

Ottawa River Power Corporation (“ORPC”) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for approval to extend its licence amendment to purchase power from Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP and Waltham Power and Company LP which are situated outside of Ontario. ORPC applies for an Order or Orders approving the extension to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 or until such a time that a new contract can be finalized. The parties are not in a position to finalize the terms of a new contract prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to ongoing discussions by Brookfield involving Waltham in Quebec.

Ottawa River Power Corporation is applying in reference to the Electricity Act, 1998. 2004, c.23, Sced. B, s.13 as the company believes this extension is in the public interest.

### 3. Power Purchase Agreement

The agreement currently in force until November 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 is provided in Appendix A. The extension agreement between the parties is provided in Appendix B.

### 4. Proposed Power Purchase Agreement

The agreement parties are proposing to extend the agreement found in Appendix A to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 or until such a time that a new agreement can be finalized. The extension to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 between the parties is provided in Appendix C.

### 5. Extension Date

Ottawa River Power Corporation requests an extension of the Power Purchase Agreement in Appendix A to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

In the event that the Board is unable to provide a Decision and Order in this Application for implementation by the Applicant prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Ottawa River Power Corporation requests that the Board issue an Interim Order extending the Power Purchase Agreement in Appendix A until the Board is able to provide a final Decision and Order.

### 6. Form of Hearing Request

Ottawa River Power Corporation requests pursuant to Section 34.01 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure that this application be disposed of by way of a written hearing.

### 7. Notice of Application

Ottawa River Power attests that the utility, its shareholders and all its customer classes will be affected by the outcome of this application. Ottawa River Power Corporation will make the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Ottawa River Power Corporation's office and in a prominent place on Ottawa River Power Corporation's website at [www.orpowercorp.com](http://www.orpowercorp.com) pending OEB direction.

## 8. Company Profile

Ottawa River Power Corporation serves the urban communities of the City of Pembroke, the Township of Whitewater (Beachburg only), the Town of Mississippi Mills (Almonte Ward only) and the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards (Killaloe only).

ORPC has 490 kilometers of lines comprised of 364 kilometers of overhead lines and 126 kilometers of underground lines. ORPC's distribution plant includes eleven substations: eight at 4.16 KV and three at 12.4 KV. Eight substations are located in the City of Pembroke and three substations are located in the Town of Mississippi Mills. Ottawa River Power Corporation has 14 sub-transmission transformers and approximately 1600 distribution transformers.

At the end of 2019 Ottawa River Power had approximately 11,300 customers comprised of 87% residential customers and 13% commercial customers including small businesses and industry. The balance of the utility's customer base is comprised of Sentinel Lighting, Street Lights and Unmetered Scattered Load.

## 9. Customer and Bill Impacts

In its previous application (EB-2015-0034) to extend the agreement to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Ottawa River Power Corporation analyzed the benefits of the power purchase agreement up to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Ottawa River Power Corporation has therefore presented further analysis of the benefit from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 in Appendix D.

Tab D1 presents the details of the purchases from Brookfield from January 2015 to December 2019. Over that time period, Ottawa River Power Corporation has purchased 194,252,725 kWh from Brookfield for totals of \$3,051,968.66 and \$304,042.18 in power charges and wholesale market charges respectively. Per the agreement provided in Appendix A, the Power Charge is calculated based on the Hourly Ontario Energy Price whereas the Wholesale Market Charge (referred to as "Avoided Market Charge") is calculated based on 35% of the sum of all the market charges that Ottawa River Power Corporation avoided by taking delivery of the power sold by Brookfield. This represents savings of approximately 65%, pending timing differences on updating rates, on

Wholesale Market Charges passed directly to the customer. As for Transmission Charges, Ottawa River Power Corporation purchased \$316,526.24 from Brookfield based on 109,123 kW in that same time frame. This is calculated based on 50% of the Hydro One monthly transmission charges considering Brookfield's coincident peak with Hydro One's monthly billing peak. This would also represent savings of approximately 50% passed directly to the customer, also pending timing differences.

Tab D2, D3 and D4 present an analysis on the savings of transmission charges, wholesale market charges and low voltage charges respectively which were achieved through purchasing from Brookfield as opposed to Hydro One. Tab D2 indicates savings of \$317,466.74 in transmission charges whereas tabs D3 and D4 indicate savings of \$595,620.26 and \$122,550.96 for wholesale market charges and low voltage charges respectively between 2015 and 2019. This results in total savings of \$1,035,637.96 passed directly to the customer.

## 10.Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information and evidence contained in this application are accurate and complete.



Jeffrey Roy, Chief Financial Officer  
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The following are appended to and form part of this Application

Appendix A	Power Purchase Agreement
Appendix B	Extension Agreement to November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Appendix C	Extension Agreement to March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020
Appendix D	Power Purchase Benefit Analysis