



## Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.

## Application for electricity distribution rates beginning January 1, 2021

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 October 22, 2020

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa PUC Networks) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) 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 Oshawa PUC Networks charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2021. The application was accepted by the OEB as complete as of August 19, 2020.

Procedural Order No.1 was issued on September 14, 2020, which among other matters, set out dates for procedural steps for this case.

Procedural Order No.1 set the due date for Oshawa PUC Networks' interrogatory responses as October 20, 2020. On October 19, 2020, Oshawa PUC Networks filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension of that deadline to November 16, 2020.

The OEB grants Oshawa PUC Networks' request for an extension. The OEB finds it necessary to defer the dates for other steps in this proceeding due to the requested extension. Given the delay in subsequent procedural steps, the OEB notes that this will delay the issuance of a decision in this proceeding.

The OEB finds it is necessary to make provision for the matters set out below related to this proceeding.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors and OEB staff by **November 16, 2020**.
- 2. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **November 26, 2020**.
- 3. A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will convene on January 6, 2021, starting at 10:00 a.m., with the objective of reaching a settlement among the parties on the issues. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on January 7 and 8, 2021. Instructions on whether the settlement conference will be an in-person event or a virtual event will be communicated later.
- 4. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **January 29**, **2021**. 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.
- 5. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **February 5, 2021**.
- 6. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Oshawa PUC Networks shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by January 25, 2021. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by February 1, 2021, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 7. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **February 12**, **2021**, to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0048**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <a href="https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice">https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice</a>. 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 <a href="Regulatory Electronic Submission System">Regulatory Electronic Submission System</a> (RESS) Document <a href="Guidelines">Guidelines</a> found at <a href="www.oeb.ca/industry">www.oeb.ca/industry</a>. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet <a href="set up an account">set up an account</a>, may email their documents to <a href="mailto:registrar@oeb.ca">registrar@oeb.ca</a>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Georgette Vlahos at <a href="mailto:Georgette.Vlahos@oeb.ca">Georgette.Vlahos@oeb.ca</a> and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, October 22, 2020

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