



**Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership**

**Application for Transmission Revenue  
Requirement beginning January 1, 2021**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
November 19, 2020**

Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership (NRLP) filed its annual Transmission Revenue Cap Incentive Rate-setting (IR) application (Application) with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 15, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (Act) seeking approval for changes to the rates that NRLP charges for electricity transmission, beginning January 1, 2021. The Application included NRLP's consent to the OEB's disposition of the proceeding without a hearing pursuant to Section 21(4)(b) of the Act on basis that the requests made through the Application would not adversely affect customers in any material way.

The OEB has determined that a hearing is required in this proceeding to address one issue – specifically, NRLP's proposed updated weighted average long-term debt rate of 2.58%. The long-term debt rate is an input into the calculation of the 2021 NRLP update.

The OEB has determined that notice shall only be given to OEB staff, and that this Procedural Order shall serve as notice. There were no intervenors in NRLP's 2020-2024 Transmission Rates proceeding which established NRLP's 2020 transmission revenue requirement. OEB staff was the only party to the settlement conference and the subsequent OEB-approved Settlement Proposal in that proceeding. The Settlement Proposal established the Revenue Cap IR framework to be used by NRLP to calculate its 2021 revenue requirement<sup>1</sup>.

The scope of the hearing will be restricted to NRLP's proposed updated weighted average long-term debt rate of 2.58%. Specifically, submissions from OEB staff and

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0275

NRLP should be limited to arguments on the degree to which NRLP's proposed weighted average long-term debt rate is reasonable and calculated in a manner consistent with the OEB-approved Settlement Proposal in NRLP's application for 2020-2024 Transmission Rates<sup>2</sup>.

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 shall file with OEB and serve on NRLP a written submission on the above matters by **November 25, 2020**.
2. NRLP shall file with the OEB and serve on OEB staff a written reply submission by **December 2, 2020**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, do not include personal information (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2020-0225**, and 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 [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at [www.oeb.ca/industry](http://www.oeb.ca/industry). We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet [set up an account](#), may email their documents to [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca).

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.

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<sup>2</sup> EB-2018-0275

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Andrew Bishop at [andrew.bishop@oeb.ca](mailto:andrew.bishop@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at [james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca](mailto:james.sidlofsky@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **November 19, 2020**

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