



**Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as
NextBridge Infrastructure LP)**

**Application for approval of electricity transmission
revenue requirements for the period from April 1, 2022
to December 31, 2031**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
December 16, 2020**

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP) (NextBridge) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 4, 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 NextBridge charges for electricity transmission, beginning April 1, 2022 and for each following year through to December 31, 2031.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on December 4, 2020. Each of Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status. AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC also applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from NextBridge.

AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, Hydro One, IESO, SEC and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

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.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. Parties should use the materiality thresholds documented in Chapter 2 of the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications* as a guide. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

NextBridge has requested that the OEB make provision for a settlement conference. The OEB will make its determination on the next steps after the interrogatory phase of the proceeding. 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 NextBridge that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 7, 2021**.
2. NextBridge shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **January 27, 2021**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as 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-2020-0150**, 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. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet [set up an account](#), may email their documents to registrar@oeb.ca.

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, Michael Price at Michael.Price@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **December 16, 2020**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Christine E. Long

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar

SCHEDULE A

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DATED: December 16, 2020

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