

EB-2020-0061

Wellington North Power Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2021

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 February 12, 2021

Wellington North Power Inc. (Wellington North Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 30, 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 Wellington North Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

Procedural Order No. 1 (PO 1), issued on January 4, 2021, approved Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) as an intervenor in this proceeding and established procedural steps for discovery in the form of interrogatories and responses to interrogatories from the Applicant. In accordance with the *Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences*, PO 1 also indicated that the OEB may provide for OEB staff to be a party to the settlement conference and any resulting settlement proposal.

In a letter dated February 9, 2021, VECC pointed to the efficiency of having OEB staff as a party to settlement conferences when there is only one intervening party in the proceeding. VECC requested that the OEB appoint OEB staff as a party to the settlement conference.

The OEB has determined that OEB staff will be a party to the settlement conference and any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference. The remaining dates in PO 1 with respect to the filing of a settlement proposal or if there is no settlement proposal, filing a statement and presenting a settlement proposal shall remain the same.

The OEB is making provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders will be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

 A Settlement Conference among Wellington North Power, VECC and OEB staff will be convened on March 1, 2021, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on March 2, 2021 and March 3, 2021. Meeting Information on how to participate virtually will be sent to parties.

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-2020-0061**, and be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <u>https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/</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 <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS) Document</u> <u>Guidelines</u> found at <u>www.oeb.ca/industry</u>. We encourage the use of RESS; however, parties who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, may email their documents to <u>registrar@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, Donald Lau at <u>Donald.Lau@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</u>

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DATED at Toronto, February 12, 2021

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