



Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5
February 17, 2021**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (Halton Hills Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 28, 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 Halton Hills Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

Procedural Order (PO) No. 1, issued on October 16, 2020, set out procedural steps for this case, among other matters. PO No. 2, issued on November 20, 2020, granted Halton Hills Hydro's request for an extension to file interrogatory responses.

A settlement conference was held on December 14-16, 2020, and continued through December 18 and 21, 2020. On January 8, 2021, Halton Hills Hydro filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension of the deadline to file the settlement proposal from January 11, 2021 to February 8, 2021. The OEB granted Halton Hills Hydro's request and issued PO No. 3 on January 12, 2021.

On February 8, 2021, Halton Hills Hydro filed a letter with the OEB requesting a further extension of the deadline to file the settlement proposal from February 8, 2021 to February 12, 2021. The OEB granted Halton Hills Hydro's request and issued PO No. 4 on February 10, 2021.

On February 12, 2021, Halton Hills Hydro filed a letter with the OEB advising that the parties are working toward the resolution of the settlement proposal but will not be in a position to meet the February 12, 2021 filing deadline. Halton Hills Hydro requested a further extension of the deadline to file the settlement proposal from February 12, 2021 to February 26, 2021.

The OEB approves Halton Hills Hydro's extension request. The deadlines for procedural steps set out in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of PO No. 4 are superseded by the dates below.

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. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **February 26, 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.
2. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 8, 2021**.
3. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Halton Hills Hydro shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **February 26, 2021**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **March 5, 2021**, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
4. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **March 18, 2021** for Halton Hills Hydro 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.

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-2020-0026**, be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://p-pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/PivotalUX/>. 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 RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available, parties 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, Shuo Zhang at Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, February 17, 2021

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Registrar