

BY E-MAIL

February 18, 2021

Christine E. Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Wellington North Power Inc. (Wellington North Power)
Application for 2021 Electricity Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0061**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff advises the OEB that parties have come to an agreement regarding an issues list for Wellington North Power's 2021 distribution rate application. The proposed issues list is attached.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Donald Lau
Project Advisor – Electricity Distribution: Major Rate Applications & Consolidations

Attach.

PROPOSED ISSUES LIST
EB-2020-0061
Wellington North Power Inc. (Wellington North Power)

1.0 PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Wellington North Power and its customers
- the distribution system plan
- the business plan

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Wellington North Power and its customers
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2.0 REVENUE REQUIREMENT

2.1 Are all elements of the revenue requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

- 2.2** Has the revenue requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3.0 LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

- 3.1** Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of Wellington North Power's customers?
- 3.2** Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Wellington North Power's proposals for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage Service Rates appropriate?

4.0 ACCOUNTING

- 4.1** Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?
- 4.2** Are Wellington North Power's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for discontinuation of accounts, and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

- 5.1** Are the Specific Service Charges, Retail Service Charges, Pole Attachment Charge, and microFIT Charge appropriate?
- 5.2** Is the proposed effective date (i.e. May 1, 2021) for 2021 rates appropriate?
- 5.3** Are rate mitigation proposals required for any rate classes?