



Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6
February 22, 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.

A settlement conference was held on December 14-16, 2020, and continued through December 18 and 21, 2020. The settlement conference was attended by Halton Hills Hydro, OEB staff¹ and the following four intervenors: Distributed Resource Coalition, Energy Probe Research Foundation, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (the Parties).

On February 12, 2021, Halton Hills Hydro filed its third request to extend the deadline date to file a settlement proposal from February 12, 2021 to February 26, 2021.

The OEB granted Halton Hills Hydro's request and issued Procedural Order (PO) No. 5 on February 17, 2021. In PO No. 5, the OEB provided for submissions from OEB staff on the settlement proposal by March 8, 2021. The OEB also tentatively scheduled a presentation of the settlement proposal on March 18, 2021.

The OEB received a settlement proposal from Halton Hills Hydro on February 18, 2021. The Parties came to an agreement on all but one issue. That issue relates to the appropriate costs associated with the OEB-approved Incremental Capital Funding for the new transformer station to be included in Halton Hills Hydro's 2021 opening rate base. As part of the settlement proposal, the Parties proposed to make contemporaneous written submissions on the unsettled issue with no opportunity to submit a reply submission.

¹ OEB staff's role is to provide advice on the parties' proposals and to ensure all relevant information is presented and considered in negotiations but is not a party to the settlement proposal.

Findings

Typically, the next steps in a proceeding of this kind would involve OEB staff filing its submission on the settlement proposal, after which the OEB would make its findings on the settlement proposal and establish a process for submissions on the unsettled issue. In the interest of efficiency, the OEB is establishing a single deadline of March 4, 2021 for OEB staff's submission on both the settlement proposal and the unsettled issue, and for the other parties' submissions on the unsettled issue. The OEB will make its determination on the settlement proposal and the unsettled issue after reviewing parties' submissions.

With respect to the tentative presentation day, the OEB does not find it necessary to have the settlement proposal presented. The March 18, 2021 presentation of the settlement proposal is cancelled.

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. The OEB staff submission on the settlement proposal and its submission, if any, on the unsettled issue shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 4, 2021**.
2. Intervenors and Halton Hills Hydro may file submissions, if any, on the unsettled issue with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **March 4, 2021**.
3. The tentative date of **March 18, 2021** for Halton Hills Hydro to present to the OEB the settlement proposal is cancelled.

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://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. Parties are encouraged to use 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 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 22, 2021

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