



Wellington North Power Inc.

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

**Decision on Issues List
February 22, 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.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on December 10, 2020. Procedural Order No. 1, issued on January 4, 2021, approved Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) as an intervenor in this proceeding and made provision, among other matters, for parties to develop a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration or to advise the OEB in writing if parties and OEB staff were unable to reach an agreement.

On February 18, 2021, OEB staff filed a proposed issues list which was agreed to by all parties.

Findings

The OEB approves the proposed issues list. The OEB agrees with the parties that the issues list establishes an appropriate scope for this proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The approved issues list is attached to this Decision as Schedule A.

DATED at Toronto, February 22, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar

Schedule A

Wellington North Power Inc.

EB-2020-0061

Approved Issues List

February 22, 2021

APPROVED ISSUES LIST
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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
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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?