



**Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as
NextBridge Infrastructure LP)**

**Application for approval of electricity transmission
revenue requirements for the period from April 1, 2022
to December 31, 2031**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3
March 10, 2021**

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. (operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP) (NextBridge) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 4, 2020, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for its electricity transmission rates, beginning April 1, 2022 and for each following year through to December 31, 2031.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on December 4, 2020. Procedural Order No. 1, issued on December 16, 2020, accepted Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC) as intervenors in the proceeding. Procedural Order No. 1 also established the process and timeline for filing interrogatories and interrogatory responses.

The OEB received a late intervention request from the Michipicoten First Nation (MFN) on January 6, 2021. On January 7, 2021, the OEB issued a letter that confirmed MFN as an intervenor in the proceeding.

NextBridge filed its interrogatory responses with the OEB on January 27, 2021.

A proposed issues list identifying issues relevant to NextBridge's application was filed on February 5, 2021 and approved by the OEB on February 9, 2021.

A settlement conference took place on February 16, 18, and 25, 2021. On March 4, 2021, NextBridge filed a letter advising the OEB that no settlement had been reached by the parties and proposing that the application proceed to a written hearing.

On March 8, 2021, SEC responded to NextBridge's proposal on behalf of AMPCO, BOMA, CCC, Energy Probe, SEC and VECC. These intervenors requested that the matter proceed to an oral hearing. NextBridge filed a further letter replying to SEC's letter on March 10, 2021.

The OEB is scheduling an oral hearing of NextBridge's application. The OEB finds that an oral hearing is appropriate given the unique aspects of the application (an IR term of 9 years and 9 months), outstanding documentation that may affect the proposed revenue requirement and questions arising from the interrogatory responses. An oral hearing also provides an opportunity for the OEB panel to seek clarifications.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A virtual transcribed oral hearing will be held on **March 29, 2021**, starting at 9:30 a.m. The oral hearing will continue to **March 31, 2021**.
2. NextBridge shall file its argument-in-chief with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **April 9, 2021**.
3. Intervenors and OEB staff who wish to file final arguments shall file them with the OEB and serve them on all parties by **April 23, 2021**.
4. NextBridge shall file its reply argument with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **May 7, 2021**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as 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-2020-0150**, and 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. We encourage the use of 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 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, Michael Price at Michael.Price@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 10, 2021

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