



Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.

**Application for a change in retail transmission service
rates effective January 1, 2021**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
March 16, 2021**

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. filed an application to correct the current the OEB-approved electricity retail transmission network and line connection (RTSR) rates that the utility can recover from its customers in 2021.

In August 2020, Kitchener Wilmot Hydro had filed a Price-Cap IR application for rates effective January 1, 2021. The OEB issued a Decision and Rate Order (EB-2020-0035) approving 2021 rates which include pass-through charges such as RTSR rates that the utility pays to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

In the cover letter to the application, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro states that the IESO had not charged the utility for one meter point for the period June 8th, 2015 – November 30th, 2020. The result is that, if left unresolved, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro will apply an insufficient RTSR charge to its customers for 2021.

While the incorrect RTSR charges have been collected since 2015, the present application seeks to correct only the OEB-approved RTSR rates for 2021 to minimize the variance that will arise in account 1584 during 2021. The application states that Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro will apply for a true up of historical years missed (2015 through 2020) and 2021 current charges during its 2022 IRM application.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on February 17, 2021. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro.

VECC is approved as an intervenor.

The OEB notes that neither the IESO nor Hydro One applied to participate as intervenors and that the deadline for intervenor requests ended on March 5, 2021. The RTSR under-collection error appears to have originated with the IESO and may have an impact on the Network Connection Transmission Pool. To that extent, because all customers who are directly connected to Hydro One's system (including other electric distributors), may have been over-charged, it appears that the IESO may have a substantial interest and the OEB finds that its participation would be helpful to this proceeding. The OEB will grant late intervenor status to the IESO upon receipt of its notice.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order. VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Individuals that represent their own interests should carefully review the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards for information about the types of costs and disbursements that an individual may claim. For example, while wage or salary losses incurred as a result of participating in an OEB hearing, may be claimed, fees are not generally permitted to be claimed by individuals under the OEB's Cost Award Tariff.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro shall serve a copy of its application and this Procedural Order on the IESO by no later than **March 19, 2021**.
2. If the IESO wishes to apply for late intervenor status, those parties should do so by no later than **March 26, 2021**.
3. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro that is in addition to the evidence

already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro by **April 1, 2021**.

4. Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on intervenors by **April 8, 2021**.

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-2021-0074**, and 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 [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, Marc Abramovitz at marc.abramovitz@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, March 16, 2021

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Registrar

SCHEDULE A
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