



Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
May 1, 2021**

**INTERIM RATE ORDER
April 28, 2021**

Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (HPDCL) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 11, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that HPDCL charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

Procedural Order No. 1 established a date of May 3, 2021 for HPDCL to file any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference which was held in April 2021. As a result of HPDCL's application for rate changes effective May 1, 2021 and the hearing schedule established, the OEB finds it appropriate to declare HPDCL's current rates interim as of May 1, 2021 until such time as new rates are approved by the OEB.

This determination is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on HPDCL's application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination with regards to the effective date for HPDCL's rates arising from this application. Despite granting an interim rate order at this time, the OEB retains the discretion to set the effective date at a date later than the date of the interim rate order. The OEB will ultimately set the effective date of the final rate order to whatever date it ultimately determines to be just and reasonable.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.'s current Tariff of Rates and Charges are declared interim as of May 1, 2021 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the OEB.

DATED at Toronto, **April 28, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar