



Wataynikaneyap Power LP

Application for 2022 electricity transmission rates and other charges

DECISION ON ISSUES LIST AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 June 25, 2021

Wataynikaneyap Power LP filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 28, 2021 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval to establish electricity transmission rates effective April 1, 2022, and to charge Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (Hydro One Remotes) a fixed charge effective May 1, 2022.

In Procedural Order No. 1, issued on June 14, 2021, the OEB directed Wataynikaneyap Power LP, the intervenors and OEB staff to jointly develop a proposed issues list. OEB staff filed a proposed issues list on June 22, 2021 and indicated that all parties had agreed on it.

The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purposes of this proceeding.

Procedural Order No. 1 also made provision for a settlement conference. As there are only three intervenors in this proceeding – Hydro One Networks Inc., Hydro One Remotes, and the Independent Electricity System Operator – and none of them directly represents the interests of electricity consumers, the OEB has determined, in accordance with the Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences, that it is appropriate for OEB staff to be a party to the settlement conference and to any resulting settlement agreement. Accordingly, there is no need for OEB staff to make a submission on any settlement as initially contemplated in Procedural Order No. 1.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The issues list attached as Schedule A is approved.

2. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **September 10, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, for Wataynikaneyap Power to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.
3. All other procedural dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1 remain unchanged with the exception of item 2 above and the deletion of the step requiring OEB staff to make a submission on any settlement proposal.

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](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 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 Ian Richler at ian.Richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **June 25, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Registrar

SCHEDULE A

ISSUES LIST

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**WATAYNIKANEYAP POWER LP
EB-2021-0134**

DATED : June 25, 2021

APPROVED ISSUES LIST

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1. GENERAL

- Has WPLP responded appropriately to all relevant OEB directions from previous proceedings?
- Are all elements of the proposed revenue requirement and their associated total bill impacts reasonable?
- Is the proposed effective date of April 1, 2022 and proposed timing for inclusion in the UTRs and Hydro One Remotes Communities Inc. (HORCI) billings appropriate?

2. RATE BASE

- Are the amounts proposed for rate base appropriate?

3. PERFORMANCE

- Is the proposed approach to monitoring and OEB reporting of WPLP's transmission system performance (once in service) adequate?

4. OPERATING REVENUE

- Are the proposed load and revenue forecasts appropriate?

5. OPERATING COSTS

- Are the proposed spending levels for OM&A in 2022 appropriate, including consideration of factors such as system reliability and asset condition?
- Are the amounts proposed to be included in the revenue requirement for income taxes appropriate?
- Is the proposed depreciation expense appropriate?
- Are the services to be provided by third parties, and their associated costs, appropriate?

6. COST OF CAPITAL & CAPITAL STRUCTURE

- Is the proposed capital structure appropriate?
- Is the proposed cost of capital, including updates appropriate?

7. DEFERRAL & VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

- Are the proposed amounts, disposition, continuance and discontinuance of existing deferral and variance accounts appropriate?
- Are the proposed new deferral and variance accounts appropriate?
- Are WPLP's COVID-19 related costs and their proposed treatment appropriate?

8. COST ALLOCATION

- Is the proposed cost allocation appropriate?