

**Brantford Power Inc.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges beginning January 1, 2022**

**Decision on Issues List  
July 12, 2021**

Brantford Power Inc. filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board 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 Brantford Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2022. The application was accepted by the OEB as complete as of May 26, 2021.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on May 27, 2021. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1<sup>1</sup> which established a list of parties to this proceeding. The OEB approved Energy+ Inc., Energy Probe Research Foundation, the School Energy Coalition and The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition as intervenors in this proceeding. Procedural Order No. 1 also made provision for parties to propose an issues list for the OEB's consideration.

OEB staff filed a proposed issues list which was agreed to by all parties. Further, parties requested that the OEB waive the requirement under rule 26.02(e)(ii) of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* that the interrogatories correspond to the issues list. OEB staff advised the OEB that parties want to file interrogatories according to the exhibit numbers in the application.

OEB staff also advised that parties may wish to propose additional matters for inclusion on the issues list after the interrogatories responses are received.

## **Findings**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Issued June 30, 2021

The OEB has also considered the request to file interrogatories according to exhibit numbers. The OEB approves the request for this proceeding.

The OEB may update the issues list as necessary to define the scope of the proceeding.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The approved Issues List is attached to this Decision as Schedule A.

**DATED** at Toronto, **July 12, 2021**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
**APPROVED ISSUES LIST**  
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**EB-2021-0009**  
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**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
- investment in non-wire alternatives, including distributed energy resources, where appropriate
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Brantford 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
- the objectives of Brantford Power and its customers
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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?

**2.3** Is the proposed shared services cost allocation methodology and the quantum appropriate?

### **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 Brantford Power's customers?

**3.2** Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?

**3.3** Are Brantford Power's proposals, including the proposed fixed/variable splits, for rate design appropriate?

**3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates appropriate?

**3.5** Are the Specific Service Charges, Retail Service Charges, and Pole Attachment Charge appropriate?

**3.6** Is Brantford Power's request to amend the name and description of its GS 50 to 4,999 kW customer class to GS> 50 kW appropriate?

**3.7** Is Brantford Power's proposal to maintain the existing Interim status for the Standby charge appropriate?

**3.8** Are rate mitigation proposals required for any rate classes?

### **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 Brantford 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** Is the proposed effective date (i.e. January 1, 2022) for 2022 rates appropriate?
- 5.2** Are the amounts proposed for inclusion in rate base for the Incremental Capital Module approved in EB-2019-0022 and the proposed treatment of the associated true-up appropriate?
- 5.3** Has Brantford Power responded appropriately to the prior Accounting Orders from the 2017 Cost of Service Application (EB-2016-0058) and the 2020 Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism Application (EB-2019-0022)?
- 5.4** Is Brantford Power's proposal to remove the description "Approved on an Interim Basis" from the Embedded Distributor rate class due to a clerical error appropriate?