

BY E-MAIL

August 18, 2021

Christine E. Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power)
Application for 2022 Electricity Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2021-0011**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff advises the OEB that parties have come to an agreement regarding an issues list for Canadian Niagara Power's 2022 distribution rate application. The proposed issues list is attached.

Further, parties are requesting 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. Parties are requesting that they may file interrogatories according to the exhibit numbers in the application. Parties believe this approach is more efficient and likely less costly.

OEB staff also advises that parties indicated that, given that the current issues list was prepared prior to the interrogatory process, parties may wish to raise additional matters for inclusion on the Issues List after the responses to the interrogatories are received.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Donald Lau
Project Advisor – Electricity Distribution: Major Rate Applications & Consolidations

Attach.

PROPOSED ISSUES LIST
EB-2021-0011
Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power)

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
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Canadian Niagara 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 Canadian Niagara 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 Canadian Niagara Power's customers?

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

3.3 Are Canadian Niagara Power's proposals for rate design appropriate?

3.4 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage Service Rates appropriate?

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 Canadian Niagara Power's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for new accounts, requests for discontinuation of accounts, and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

5.1 Are the Specific Service Charges, Retail Service Charges, Pole Attachment Charge appropriate?

5.2 Is the proposed effective date (i.e. January 1, 2022) for 2022 rates appropriate?

5.3 Is Canadian Niagara Power's proposal to maintain the existing Interim status for the Standby charge appropriate?