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EB-2021-0039

Lakefront Utilities Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 September 9, 2021

Lakefront Utilities Inc. (Lakefront Utilities) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 30, 2021 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 Lakefront Utilities charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2022.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on June 18, 2021, which set out preliminary steps in the discovery process. Parties developed an issues list, completed the written interrogatory stage, and convened a settlement conference on August 10-11, 2021. Lakefront Utilities, the Cobourg Taxpayers Association, Energy Probe Research Foundation, Northumberland Hills Hospital, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition attended the settlement conference. OEB staff attended but is not a party to the settlement proposal¹.

By letter dated September 7, 2021, Lakefront Utilities requested an extension to the deadline date for filing a settlement proposal from September 7, 2021, to September 17, 2021, stating the parties were working diligently towards a settlement proposal but could not meet the initial deadline date.

The OEB has considered Lakefront Utilities' request and approves the extension. As the new date affects the remaining steps in PO 1, specifically any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal and Lakefront Utilities' settlement proposal presentation, the dates for these steps will also be extended. Parties are reminded that any further extension requests may affect the timing of the final decision in this case.

¹ OEB Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences / Section 11

Any further procedural steps will be communicated to parties pending the outcome of the settlement process.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **September 17, 2021**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.
- 2. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 23, 2021**.
- 3. Lakefront Utilities will present any settlement proposal whether full or partial, and for the presentation of any unsettled issues to be adjudicated by the OEB on **September 30, 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*.

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0039** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> <u>filing portal</u>.

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- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>Filing Systems page</u> on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance

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, Margaret DeFazio at <u>Margaret.DeFazio@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at <u>Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, September 9, 2021

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