



**Independent Electricity System Operator**

**Application for approval of 2020 and 2021 revenue requirement,  
expenditures and fees**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3  
September 14, 2021**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 27, 2021 under section 25(1) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998, seeking approval for its 2020 and 2021 expenditures, revenue requirement and fees.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 2, OEB staff and intervenors filed interrogatories on or before August 19, 2021 and the IESO responded to interrogatories on September 9, 2021. As part of its response, the IESO requested confidential treatment of the unredacted attachments provided in response to the following School Energy Coalition (SEC) interrogatories: 1.5-SEC-15, 1.5-SEC-16, 1.5-SEC-17, and 1.5-SEC-18.<sup>1</sup> The IESO stated that, for the following reasons, the information should be not be disclosed:

The attachments were developed as internal documents and contain information that is not the relevant business case information expected by the OEB's Decision and Order to EB-2019-0002 and as provided for in the IESO's application. As noted above, in an effort to be of assistance to the parties, the IESO is filing the attachments but requests that the redacted portions in the attachments be protected because its disclosure relates to public security. Disclosing information that relates to the IESO's IT systems creates a cyber security risk which would allow for a threat actor to gain insights into IESO systems and status that could be used for malicious purposes. As well, disclosing the names of individuals and detailed document IDs, or other identifiers, provide specifics that would enhance attacks against the IESO, such as phishing and

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<sup>1</sup> The IESO made its request in accordance with Rule 10 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and section 5.1 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*

impersonation attacks, that would allow a threat actor to obtain sensitive information. The IESO notes that the items that have been redacted from the documents that are the subject of this confidentiality request, have no bearing to the consideration of any issues in this proceeding.

In accordance with the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction), the OEB will allow parties an opportunity to file an objection to the IESO's confidentiality request and for the IESO to respond to any objection.

Until such time that the OEB makes a determination on the IESO's request, the unredacted attachments provided in response to SEC interrogatories 1.5-SEC-15, 1.5-SEC-16, 1.5-SEC-17 and 1.5-SEC-18 will be treated as confidential. Unredacted versions of the attachments will be provided to individuals who sign a Declaration and Undertaking.

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

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any objections to the IESO's confidentiality request from OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **Tuesday September 21, 2021**.
2. Any written reply submissions from the IESO shall be filed with the OEB and served on intervenors by **Thursday September 23, 2021**.
3. The IESO will provide unredacted versions of the attachments that the IESO has requested confidential treatment of to parties who sign a Declaration and Undertaking.
4. All other dates established through Procedural Order No. 2 remain unchanged.

## How to File Materials

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-2020-0230** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
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- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance

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, Andrew Bishop at [Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca](mailto:Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at [Ian.Richler@oeb.ca](mailto:Ian.Richler@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **September 14, 2021**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar