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VIA E-MAIL

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2021-0052 – Ottawa River Power Corp. (ORPC) May 1, 2022 Cost of Service Rates
Request for amendment to Procedural Order No. 1**

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) is seeking an amendment to the Board's procedural order to allow for the earlier start of the settlement conference to begin Monday, January 10, 2022.

The OEB issued Procedural Order No.1 in the ORPC proceeding on November 15, 2021. That Order sets a settlement conference to begin Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and to end by January 13. One of VECC's consultants working on this case, Mr. Bill Harper, will be unavailable on January 11. Mr. Harper, who reviews the cost allocation, rate design and revenue sections of the application, will be flying back from Alberta on that day, making him unavailable to participate in the negotiations that day.

We have canvassed the other intervenor (School Energy Coalition), Board Staff and the Applicant as to their availability to begin the settlement conference one day earlier. We have not received any objections. We also note that Friday, January 14, 2021 is scheduled to hear issues in the proceeding of Hydro One (EB-2021-0110). Since the same consultants are participating in both proceedings, we would be unavailable on that day should discussion in the ORPC proceeding require. Beginning the settlement conference a day earlier would therefore provide us more flexibility.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours truly,
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