

EB-2021-0011

Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 November 24, 2021

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (Canadian Niagara Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 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 Canadian Niagara Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2022.

Procedural Order No 1 (PO 1), dated August 13, 2021, set out an approved list of intervenors in this proceeding as well as procedural steps for discovery and a settlement conference. The OEB issued its decision on an approved issues list on August 27, 2021. On October 12-14, 2021, a settlement conference was convened and attended by Canadian Niagara Power, OEB staff, Consumers Council of Canada, IMT Partnership – PC Forge, School Energy Coalition and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), which was also an approved intervenor in this proceeding, did not participate in the settlement conference.

PO 1 provided that any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference was to be filed with the OEB by on or before November 8, 2021.

The OEB subsequently approved two separate extension requests for Canadian Niagara Power to file a settlement proposal and advised parties that new dates for the remaining procedural steps set out in PO 1 would be scheduled after a settlement proposal was filed.

On November 22, 2021, Canadian Niagara Power filed a settlement proposal with the OEB. The parties, with the exception of Hydro One, reached a full settlement agreement.

At this time, the OEB will schedule new dates for OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal and presentation of the settlement proposal.

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 submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **November 30, 2021**.
- 2. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **December 10**, **2021**, **at 9:30 a.m.** for Canadian Niagara Power to present virtually to the OEB, the settlement proposal. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.

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.

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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, Donald Lau at Donald.Lau@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at Ljuba.Djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, November 24, 2021

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