

Ottawa River Power Corporation

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

**Decision on Issues List and Procedural Order No. 2
November 25, 2021**

Ottawa River Power Corporation (Ottawa River Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 30, 2021 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Ottawa River Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2022.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 20, 2021. The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 dated November 15, 2021, which approved the intervenors in this proceeding and directed parties to develop an issues list for the OEB's consideration.

Issues List

On November 22, 2021, OEB staff filed a proposed issues list which has been agreed to by all parties. In that same correspondence, OEB staff advised that parties were 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 and requested that parties may file interrogatories according to the exhibit numbers in the application.

Change to Settlement Conference Date

In a letter dated November 22, 2021, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition requested that the settlement conference start one day earlier to allow for one of its representatives to attend on the first day. No other party had any objections or concerns in changing the settlement conference date to begin on January 10, 2021.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purposes of this proceeding.

The OEB also approves the request to file interrogatories according to exhibit numbers.

The OEB also agrees to changing the start date of the settlement conference to January 10, 2021. The dates for all other procedural steps in Procedural Order No. 1 remain the same.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The approved Issues List is attached to this Decision as Schedule A.
2. A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **January 10-11, 2021**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on **January 13, 2021**. This will be a virtual event. Parties will receive information on how to participate in advance of the conference.

DATED at Toronto, **November 25, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Registrar

SCHEDULE A
APPROVED ISSUES LIST
OTTAWA RIVER POWER CORP.
EB-2021-0052
NOVEMBER 25, 2021

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Ottawa River Power Corp. (Ottawa River Power)

2.0 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 Ottawa River 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
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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?

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 Ottawa River Power's customers?
- 3.2** Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Ottawa River Power proposals, including the proposed fixed/variable splits, for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage rates appropriate?
- 3.5** Are the Specific Service Charges, Retail Service Charges, and Pole Attachment Charge 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 Ottawa River Power's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

- 5.1** Is the proposed effective date (i.e., May 1, 2022) for 2022 rates appropriate?
- 5.2** Are the amounts proposed for inclusion in rate base for the Incremental Capital Module approved in EB-2018-0063 appropriate?

The OEB may update the issues list as necessary to define the scope of the proceeding.