

EB-2021-0318

## **Independent Electricity System Operator**

#### 2022 Interim Fees

# DECISION ON INTERIM FEES December 2, 2021

On November 23, 2021, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) filed a letter with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting that its approved 2021 usage fees<sup>1</sup> be made interim from January 1, 2022 until the end of the month in which the IESO receives OEB approval of its 2022 usage fees. The letter states that the IESO will file its application for 2022 fees once the Minister of Energy has approved its 2022-2024 Business Plan.

### **Findings**

The IESO's request is approved. The IESO made similar requests in prior years for its approved usage fees to be made interim which were approved by the OEB. The OEB notes that, under section 25 of the *Electricity Act,1998*, the IESO is not permitted to apply for new fees until the Minister of Energy has approved the business plan.

This determination to allow interim fees is made without prejudice to the OEB's ultimate decision on the IESO's 2022 revenue requirement submission once filed, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination of the IESO's 2022 fees or of the effective date of such fees.

The OEB also notes that it is encouraged by the IESO's exploration of a three-year business plan and fees application approval process, which process may obviate the need to implement fees on an interim basis in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2020-0230, Decision and Order, November 18, 2021.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Effective January 1, 2022, the Independent Electricity System Operator shall charge the Ontario Energy Board-approved 2021 usage fees of \$1.271/MWh for domestic customers and \$1.0943/MWh for export customers on an interim basis.

DATED at Toronto, December 2, 2021

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

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