

EB-2022-0002

Independent Electricity System Operator

Application for Approval of 2022 Expenditures, Revenue Requirement and Fees

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 April 22, 2022

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 4, 2022, under section 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, seeking approval for its 2022 expenditures, revenue requirement and fees.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on March 21, 2022. The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)
- Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC)
- Electricity Distributors Association (EDA)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence
- HQ Energy Marketing Inc. (HQEM)
- Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG)
- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
- Power Advisory, representing jointly, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), Energy Storage Canada (ESC) and Ontario Waterpower Association (OWA)
- Power Workers' Union (PWU)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Society of United Professionals (SUP)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

AMPCO, CME, CCMBC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, OSEA, Power Advisory, SEC and VECC applied for cost eligibility.

No objection was received from the IESO.

AMPCO, CME, CCMBC, EDA, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, HQEM, OPG, OSEA, Power Advisory, PWU, SEC, SUP and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

AMPCO, CME, CCMBC, Energy Probe, Environmental Defence, OSEA, Power Advisory, SEC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Parties with common interests should coordinate their participation to avoid duplication. In particular, the OEB notes that CCMBC and CME appear to have a similar mandate, and CCMBC's membership, comprising 418 small to medium size manufacturers and businesses, may even overlap with CME's membership, which also comprises small to medium size manufacturers and exporters. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether cost eligible intervenors made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues. When submitting their cost claims, CCMBC and CME should explain how they coordinated efforts in this proceeding, or if not, why that was not appropriate in their view.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of a hearing.

IESO's Confidentiality Request

In the cover letter to its application, dated March 4, 2022, the IESO requested confidential treatment for certain information in Exhibit G-1-1 Attachment 2 – Project Charter for Dynamic Limits in Real Time and Exhibit G-1-1 Attachment 3 – Project Charter for Market Analysis and Simulation Toolset. As shown in the IESO's summary of its request in Appendix B to that letter, the vast majority of the IESO's proposed redactions relate to information the IESO asserts is irrelevant to this proceeding. Many of the proposed redactions have dual justifications: irrelevance and confidentiality. Only a few appear to be based solely on confidentiality concerns.

In accordance with section 11.1.3 of the *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*, the OEB will review the confidential, un-redacted version of the document to confirm that the redacted information is not relevant. The OEB will then provide further directions concerning any information that is relevant but for which the IESO has sought confidential treatment. To be clear, no objections to the IESO's confidentiality request should be filed until after the OEB has completed its relevance review and provided further directions.

Issues List

By letter dated March 10, 2022, the IESO filed a revised draft issues list. The OEB is making provision for submissions on the revised draft issues list, which is attached as Schedule B to this Procedural Order. The OEB Panel will determine the final issues list prior to the filing of interrogatories.

Interrogatories

The OEB is making provision for written interrogatories. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Settlement Conference

The OEB is also making provision for a settlement conference. Following the settlement conference, the OEB is making provision for the filing of letters informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions, submissions if there is no settlement and the filing of a settlement proposal by the IESO, if any. Following any filing of a settlement proposal, the OEB may make provision for the 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.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

Issues List:

- Any submissions by OEB staff and intervenors on the IESO's draft issues list in Schedule B shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by April 29, 2022.
- 2. The IESO may respond to the submissions of intervenors and OEB staff and all other parties may respond to the submissions of the other parties. The written

submissions shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **May 4**, **2022**.

Interrogatories:

- OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from the IESO that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by May 13, 2022.
- 4. IESO shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **June 3**, **2022**.

Settlement Conference:

- A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on June 13, 2022, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on June 14 and 15, 2022. Information on how to participate in the event will be provided at a later date.
- 6. **Within 48 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, the IESO shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative agreement had been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.
- 7. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference or the subsequent settlement discussions, the IESO shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by June 22, 2022. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by June 27, 2022, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 8. If there is a settlement, any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **July 13, 2022**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.
- 9. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 20, 2022**.

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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0002** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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 <u>Andrew.Bishop@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at <u>Ian.Richler@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, April 22, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Nancy Marconi Registrar

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPLICANT AND INTERVENORS

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SCHEDULE B

ISSUES LIST

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Appendix B

DRAFT ISSUES LIST

12 Issues

1.0 Revenue Requirement, Operating Costs and Capital Spending

- **1.1** Is the IESO's Fiscal Year 2022 revenue requirement of \$201.5 million appropriate?
- **1.2** Are the IESO's 2022 projected staffing levels and compensation (including salaries, benefits, pensions and other post-employment benefits) appropriate?
- **1.3** Is the IESO's 2022 capital expenditure envelope of \$71.2 million for capital projects for Fiscal Year 2022 appropriate?

2.0 Usage Fees

- **2.1** Is the methodology used to derive the IESO's proposed 2022 Usage Fees of \$1.3329/MWh for domestic customers (including embedded generation) and \$1.0126/MWh for export customers to be paid commencing January 1, 2022 appropriate?
- **2.2** Is the IESO's request to charge (or rebate) market participants the difference between the approved 2022 IESO Usage Fees and the interim fees they paid in the next billing cycle following the month in which OEB approval received appropriate?
- **2.3** Is the proposed January 1, 2022 effective date for the IESO's 2022 Usage Fees appropriate?

3.0 Reliable Integration Fee

3.1 Is the IESO's proposal to charge proponents a Reliable Integration fee at an hourly rate of \$145/hour for activities the IESO undertakes to reliably integrate new or modified facilities to the IESO-Controlled Grid appropriate?

4.0 Market Renewal Program (MRP)

- **4.1** Is the reporting on financial and operational performance of the MRP appropriate?
- **4.2** Are the IESO's forecast 2022 operational costs for the MRP appropriate in the context of the scope and timing of the overall project?
- **4.3** Are the IESO's forecast 2022 capital costs for the MRP appropriate in the context of the scope and timing of the overall project?

4.4 Is the IESO's MRP Baseline Schedule and Budget for each year of the MRP appropriate?

5.0 Commitments from Previous OEB Decisions

5.1 Has the IESO adequately described the progress made towards reaching the 50th percentile for total remuneration?