

EB-2022-0028

EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2023

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 July 27, 2022

EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. (EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on May 27, 2022 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 EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2023.

On June 13, 2022, the OEB issued its Notice of Hearing. On July 15, 2022, the OEB issued Procedural Order No.1 which, among other things, set out a schedule for the hearing and provided Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA) an opportunity to file additional information in relation to its request for intervenor status.

On July 20, 2022, SBUA filed additional information in relation to its intervention request. By letter dated July 22,2022, the OEB approved SBUA's request for intervenor status and cost eligibility. The OEB also provided SBUA an opportunity to comment on any draft issues list prepared by OEB staff. SBUA was to provide any comments to OEB staff and the parties by July 26, 2022.

Procedural Order No. 1 required OEB staff to file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by July 22, 2022. By letter dated July 22, 2022, OEB staff informed the OEB that work toward an agreed-upon issues list is ongoing, and requested an extension to July 27, 2022, to file an agreed-upon issues list.

The OEB approves the extension request. The dates for all other procedural steps in Procedural Order No.1 remain unchanged.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **July 27, 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-2022-0028** 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.

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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, Katherine Wang at <u>Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at <u>James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, July 27, 2022

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