



EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
October 4, 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 in the service area comprised of Collingwood, Stayner and Creemore (part of Clearview Township) and Thornbury (part of The Town of the Blue Mountains), beginning January 1, 2023.

EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario's application was placed in abeyance on September 1, 2022 for the reasons discussed in [the OEB's letter of September 2, 2022](#). On September 14, 2022, the OEB received new evidence from EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario in support of changing the effective date for its rates to October 1, 2023. Procedural Order No. 3, dated September 20, 2022, set out new dates for a further round of discovery on the new evidence and a settlement conference on October 19-21, 2022.

By letter dated September 28, 2022, the School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) jointly requested a change to the settlement conference date from October 19-21, 2022, to November 7-9, 2022. SEC and VECC will be participating in an Enbridge Gas Inc. stakeholder meeting with respect to its upcoming rebasing application that will take place on October 20, 2022, which creates a scheduling conflict. SEC notes that other parties to this proceeding have been consulted and notified of the requested change and support the request.

The OEB agrees to the joint request by SEC and VECC. The dates for the settlement conference and the events following the settlement conference, including any submission from OEB staff on the settlement proposal and the presentation of settlement proposal in Procedural Order No. 3, are superseded by the revised dates below.

The OEB considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The OEB may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on **November 7-8, 2022**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on **November 9, 2022**. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance of the conference.
2. **Within 48 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions, including whether a tentative agreement has been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.
3. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 16, 2022**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **November 23, 2022**, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
4. If there is a complete or partial settlement, any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **December 5, 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 an oral or written hearing.
5. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **December 9, 2022**.
6. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **December 15, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.** for EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. 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](#).

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 [OEB's online 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 Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, October 4, 2022

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