

EB-2022-0028

EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6 February 17, 2023

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 subsequently filed additional evidence on September 14, 2022, in support of an effective date of October 1, 2023.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 5, a transcribed virtual oral hearing commenced on February 14, 2023, and concluded on February 15, 2023. As a preliminary matter at the hearing, EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario's counsel requested a one-week extension of the due date for its reply submission, from March 20, 2023, to March 27, 2023, on the basis that some of the utility's staff may not be available during the March Break school holiday, and that the extension would assist EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario in reviewing intervenor submissions and preparing its reply on the outstanding issues. Based on the reasons provided, the OEB grants EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario's request for a one-week extension to file its reply submission.

At the conclusion of the hearing, EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario was directed to file all undertaking responses by February 24, 2023.

This Procedural Order addresses both of these matters.

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. Responses to undertakings from the oral hearing shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **February 24, 2023**.
- 2. EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario shall file its Argument-in-Chief with the OEB and deliver it to all parties by **February 27, 2023**.
- 3. OEB staff and intervenors shall file their submissions, if any, with the OEB and deliver them to all other parties by **March 9, 2023**.
- 4. EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario shall file its reply submission, if any, with the OEB and deliver it to all other parties by **March 27, 2023**.

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*.

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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, February 17, 2023

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