



Independent Electricity System Operator

**Application for Approval of 2023, 2024 & 2025
Expenditures, Revenue Requirement, and Fees**

**DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY
June 23, 2023**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 29, 2023 under section 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, seeking approval for its 2023, 2024, and 2025 expenditures, revenue requirement, and fees.

The IESO filed interrogatory responses on June 15, 2023, in accordance with Procedural Order No.1.

In its cover letter to the interrogatory responses, the IESO requested confidential treatment for certain information in Exhibit H, Tab 1.7, Schedule 3.17 - 1.7 AMPCO 17 Attachment 1 - HUB Exception Report. The IESO stated that the information in question could pose a cybersecurity risk if disclosed and is irrelevant to this proceeding.

The IESO argued that the redacted information relates to IESO's IT systems which, if disclosed, would create a cyber security risk that would allow for a threat actor to gain insights into IESO systems and status that could be used for malicious purposes. The IESO further submitted that disclosing the names of individuals and detailed document IDs, or other identifiers, would provide specifics that would enhance attacks against the IESO, such as phishing and impersonation attacks, that could allow a threat actor to obtain sensitive information. The IESO also stated that individual names as well as references to specific IESO IT systems constitute both personal information and are irrelevant for this proceeding.

No other party objected to the IESO's confidentiality request.

Findings

The OEB approves the IESO's request for confidential treatment of the redacted portions of Exhibit H, Tab 1.7, Schedule 3.17 - 1.7 AMPCO 17 Attachment 1 - HUB Exception Report. In approving the IESO's request for confidential treatment of the

redacted sections in this report, the OEB accepts the IESO's explanation that these sections should be afforded confidential treatment for reasons related to cyber security. The OEB does not accept that the redacted information that references the names of individuals is personal information because the names are noted in a business context. Nonetheless, the OEB accepts the IESO's request for confidential treatment due to the cyber security risk. Accordingly, the IESO shall provide an unredacted copy of the report to individuals who execute the OEB's form of Declaration and Undertaking, subject to the IESO's right to object to the Declaration and Undertaking from any individual.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The IESO's request for confidential treatment of the redacted portions of Exhibit H, Tab 1.7, Schedule 3.17 - 1.7 AMPCO 17 Attachment 1 - HUB Exception Report is granted.

DATED at Toronto, **June 23, 2023**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Registrar