

EB-2022-0178

#### **Entegrus Powerlines Inc.**

# Application to Amend Schedule 1 of an Electricity Distributor Licence

# DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY REGARDING JUNE 2, 2023 INTERROGATORIES AND JUNE 22, 2023 INTERROGATORY RESPONSES, and PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 July 7, 2023

Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (Entegrus Powerlines) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 17, 2022, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), to amend its licensed service area, as described in Schedule 1 of its distribution licence ED-2002-0563, to include the property and industrial customer located at 1 Cosma Court, St. Thomas, ON.

The customer, Formet Industries, a division of Magna International Inc. (Formet Industries) is currently served by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). In a letter to the OEB dated April 3, 2023, Hydro One stated that it contests Entegrus Powerlines' application.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 3, Entegrus Powerlines, Hydro One and Formet Industries submitted Interrogatories (IRs) on June 2, 2023, and OEB staff submitted IRs on June 6, 2023. On June 22, 2023, Entegrus Powerlines, Hydro One and Formet Industries submitted their IR Responses (IRRs).

Each of Entegrus Powerlines, Hydro One and Formet Industries requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in their IRs and IRRs for the reasons set out in the parties' requests. In accordance with the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Confidential Filings</u> (Practice Direction), each of Entegrus Powerlines, Hydro One and Formet Industries filed redacted copies of the documents on the public record, and filed unredacted copies of the documents separately, in confidence.

On June 23, 2023, the OEB issued an Interim Decision on Confidentiality of IRs and IRRs and accepted the confidentiality claims associated with the IRs and IRRs on an interim basis in advance of the Settlement Conference, scheduled for June 26, 2023.

#### **Entegrus Powerlines IR and IRR Confidentiality Requests**

In its June 2, 2023 cover letter to its IRs to Hydro One and Formet Industries, Entegrus Powerlines requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in six of its IRs related to Formet Industries' load profile, energy use and billing information.

Similarly, in its June 22, 2023 cover letter to its IRRs, Entegrus Powerlines requested confidential treatment of certain information related to Formet Industries' load profile, energy use and billing information contained in sixteen of its IRRs.

#### **Findings**

The OEB finds that the redacted information described in Entegrus Powerlines' letters, dated June 2, 2023, and June 22, 2203, is confidential in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction. The redactions contain information that would disclose load profiles, energy usage and billing information of a specific customer that is not personal information. The OEB agrees with Entegrus that this information falls within the categories described in the Practice Direction as "presumptively confidential".

This information shall remain redacted from the public record. The OEB will allow individuals representing Hydro One and Formet Industries to access the information provided that they sign the OEB's form of Declaration and Undertaking appended to the Practice Direction. As with confidential information filed by any other party to this proceeding, the OEB expects Entegrus Powerlines to advise the OEB should it object to the provision of the unredacted information to one or more specific individuals, and the OEB will then make a determination in that regard.

### Formet Industries IR and IRR Confidentiality Requests

In its June 2, 2023 cover letter to its IRs to Hydro One and Entegrus Powerlines, Formet Industries requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in a number of its IRs that pertains to its load profile, energy use and billing information. Formet also requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in two of its IRs that it described as information about the applicant, including its interactions with other commercial parties.

Similarly, in its June 22, 2023 cover letter to its IRRs, Formet Industries requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in two of its IRRs and one confidential attachment that pertains to its load profile, energy use and billing information.

#### **Findings**

The OEB finds that the redacted information described in Formet Industries' letters of June 2, 2023, and June 22, 2023 is confidential in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction. The redactions contain information that would disclose load profiles, and energy usage of a specific customer that is not personal information. As noted previously, this type of information is among the categories described in the Practice Direction as "presumptively confidential".

This information shall remain redacted from the public record. The OEB will allow individuals representing Entegrus Powerlines and Hydro One to access the information provided that they sign the OEB's form of Declaration and Undertaking appended to the Practice Direction. As with confidential information filed by any other party to this proceeding, the OEB expects Formet Industries to advise the OEB should it object to the provision of the unredacted information to one or more specific individuals, and the OEB will then make a determination in that regard.

#### Hydro One IR and IRR Confidentiality Requests

In its June 2, 2023 cover letter to its IRs to Entegrus Powerlines, Hydro One requested confidential treatment of certain information contained in three of its IRs related to a specific customer's load profile, energy use and billing information.

In its June 22, 2023 cover letter to its IRRs, Hydro One requested confidential treatment of certain information in ten of its IRRs including nine confidential attachments related to a specific customer's load profile, energy use and billing information.

## **Findings**

The OEB finds that the redacted information described in Hydro One's letters, dated June 2, 2023, and June 22, 2023, is confidential in accordance with OEB's Practice Direction. The redactions contain information that would disclose load profiles, and energy usage of a specific customer that is not personal information. As noted previously, this type of information is among the categories described in the Practice Direction as "presumptively confidential".

This information shall remain redacted from the public record. The OEB will allow individuals representing Entegrus Powerlines and Formet Industries to access the information provided that they sign the OEB's form of Declaration and Undertaking appended to the Practice Direction. As with confidential information filed by any other party to this proceeding, the OEB expects Hydro One to advise the OEB should it object to the provision of the unredacted information to one or more specific individuals, and the OEB will then make a determination in that regard.

#### Entegrus June 30 Letter and Hydro One July 7, 2023 Response

On June 30, 2023, Entegrus Powerlines submitted a letter to the OEB that stated that Hydro One's response to Entegrus Powerlines' IR #1 to Hydro One contradicted Entegrus Powerlines' response to part (b) of OEB staff's IR #2 to Entegrus Powerlines. Entegrus Powerlines requested that Hydro One update its responses to parts (b), (c) and (d) of Entegrus Powerlines' IR #1 to Hydro One.

On July 7, 2023, Hydro One responded with a letter in which it asserted that no update was necessary, for the reasons set out in that letter.

#### **Findings**

The OEB will allow Entegrus Powerlines until Wednesday, July 12, 2023 to deliver its reply, if any, to the July 7, 2023 Hydro One letter, and will then make its determination on Entegrus Powerlines' request.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Entegrus Powerlines shall file its reply, if any, to Hydro One's July 7, 2023 response to Entegrus Powerlines' request for an updated response to parts (b), (c) and (d) of Entegrus Powerlines' IR #1 to Hydro One with the OEB and serve it on all parties by July 12, 2023.

**DATED** at Toronto, July 7, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar