

EB-2023-0298

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc.

Application for electricity transmission rate changes beginning January 1, 2024

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 January 29, 2024

Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. (Upper Canada Transmission) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 10, 2023 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, seeking approval to change the rates that it charges for electricity transmission, effective January 1, 2024.

Procedural Order No. 1 issued, on November 28, 2023, approved the parties in this proceeding and set out procedural steps for, among other matters, the dates related to interrogatories and the settlement conference.

On January 25, 2024, Upper Canada Transmission filed a letter with the OEB requesting an extension to file interrogatory responses from January 30, 2024, to February 5, 2024, and to defer the dates of the settlement conference from February 8 and 9, 2024, to February 13 or 14, and 16, 2024. Upper Canada Transmission confirmed it would advise the OEB if settlement was likely within 24 hours and provide the OEB with a report on the status of settlement by February 21, 2024.

The OEB approves Upper Canada Transmission's request. The OEB finds it necessary to defer the dates for other steps in this proceeding due to the requested extension.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Upper Canada Transmission shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **February 5, 2024**.
- A settlement conference among the parties and OEB staff will be convened on February 13, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on February 16, 2024. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance of the conference. If OEB staff

or intervenors intend to submit clarification questions to Upper Canada Transmission as part of the settlement process, they are encouraged to submit these questions as far in advance as possible of the commencement of the settlement conference, in the interests of making the settlement process as efficient as possible.

- 3. **Within 24 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, Upper Canada Transmission shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative settlement has been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.
- 4. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Upper Canada Transmission shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by February 21, 2024. In that event, parties shall file with the OEB and serve on the other parties by February 28, 2024 any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 5. If there is a settlement, the settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB on or before **March 7, 2024**. 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 oral or written hearing.
- 6. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 14, 2024**.

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>.

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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, Michael Price at <u>Michael.Price@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, January 29, 2024

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