

EB-2023-0047

## **Ottawa River Power Corporation**

## Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2024

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 February 9, 2024

Ottawa River Power Corporation (ORPC) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 6, 2023 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that ORPC charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2024. The application was updated on December 8, 2023.

On January 10, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which set out the procedural steps for the discovery process up to the reply submission by the applicant. Procedural Order No. 1 also approved Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) as an intervenor.

On January 22, 2024, OEB staff filed interrogatories and ORPC responded to these interrogatories on February 1, 2024.

Following the review of ORPC's interrogatory responses, the OEB finds that further discovery is needed on Accounts 1588 and 1589 balances and the associated work forms, and on ORPC's Power Purchased True-Up Rate Proposal. In particular, the OEB notes that the total claimed balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589 have changed significantly, with limited rationale provided.

Further discovery is required on these specific matters to provide a more complete record and assist the OEB in its determination of the Application. A revised schedule for supplementary interrogatories and submissions is set out below.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. OEB staff and VECC shall file any supplementary interrogatories requesting additional information and documentation from ORPC that is in addition to the evidence already filed by February 15, 2024.
- 2. ORPC shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by February 28, 2024.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and VECC shall be filed with the OEB and served on ORPC by March 15, 2024.
- 4. Any reply submissions by ORPC, shall be filed with the OEB by March 25, 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 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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DATED at Toronto, February 9, 2024

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