

EB-2024-0007

Algoma Power Inc

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges effective January 1, 2025

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 September 27, 2024

Algoma Power Inc (Algoma Power) filed a distribution rate application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on June 3, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2025.

Procedural Order No. 1, issued on July 22, 2024, approved School Energy Coalition (SEC) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) as intervenors in this proceeding. The OEB also approved late intervention requests by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). SEC, VECC and the IESO are eligible to apply for cost awards. Procedural Order No. 1 set out steps for a draft Issues List, interrogatories and responses, and a settlement conference.

On August 2, 2024, the OEB issued a decision on the <u>Issues List</u>. As part of this decision, the OEB excluded the disposition of the commodity variance accounts 1588 and 1589, as well Issue 6.2 pertaining to Algoma Power's request to require the IESO to settle past Class A submission, from the set of issues eligible for settlement. The OEB noted that it will hear these issues by way of written hearing after the settlement conference.

As per Procedural Order No. 1, a settlement conference was held on September 18, 19 and 20 and continued on September 24 and 25. On September 26, 2024, the parties informed the OEB that a settlement on all eligible issues had been reached.

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 THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **October 22**, **2024** and outline the terms of any settlement.
- 2. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 31, 2024**.
- 3. Any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors on the disposition of the commodity accounts 1588 and 1589 and Issue 6.2 shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **October 22, 2024.**
- 4. Any reply submission from Algoma Power on the disposition of the commodity accounts 1588 and 1589 and Issue 6.2 shall be filed with the OEB and served on all intervenors by **November 5, 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.

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0007** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online filing portal</u>.

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Birgit Armstrong at birgit.armstrong@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ian Richler at ian.richler@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, September 27, 2024

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