



**Generic Hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates –
Phase 2**

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

April 19, 2024

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is holding a public hearing on its own motion under sections 19, 21, and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to consider various issues related to Ontario's Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs). This is the second phase of this hearing.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 27, 2023 and identified six issues for the proceeding.

Procedural Order No. 1, issued on December 8, 2023, approved the parties in this proceeding and set out procedural steps for, among other matters, the dates related to submitting clarifying questions following the issuance of a background report to be filed by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) regarding issues 4, 5, and 6. The Procedural Order also provided for a technical conference.

On April 17, 2024, Hydro One filed a letter with the OEB advising that it received over 170 questions on its background report, and that some questions were more akin to detailed interrogatories. Hydro One advised that preparing responses to the questions will require significant effort from its team and input from the Independent Electricity System Operator. Hydro One requested the OEB's approval to file the responses by May 13, 2024, and that the technical conference scheduled for April 22, 2024, be postponed or canceled.

The OEB approves Hydro One's request. The OEB will cancel the technical conference and will modify the schedule for further steps in this proceeding. Among the changes set out below, the OEB notes that it has adjusted the process for the preparation of a detailed issues list for issues 4, 5 and 6. Procedural Order No. 1 contemplated OEB staff, Hydro One and the parties using part of the technical conference to develop the detailed issues list, and provided opportunities for submissions if the technical conference did not result in a detailed issues list. Instead, the OEB is directing OEB staff to prepare and circulate a draft detailed issues list prior to receiving Hydro One's responses to the clarification questions. Parties will then have an opportunity to file submissions on the draft detailed issues list after Hydro One has filed its responses.

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. The technical conference scheduled for **April 22, 2024**, and the remaining dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1, are canceled.
2. OEB staff shall file a draft detailed issues list on issues 4, 5 and 6 by **April 29, 2024**.
3. Hydro One shall file its responses to the clarification questions received regarding the background report by **May 13, 2024**. Hydro One shall consult with the Independent Electricity System Operator as necessary in preparing its responses to the clarification questions.
4. Parties shall file submissions, if any, on the OEB staff draft detailed issues list by **May 21, 2024**.
5. OEB staff and Parties shall file letters of intent to file evidence on any of the issues by **May 21, 2024**.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 19, 2024**

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