



BY EMAIL

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To: All Parties in EB-2024-0116

**Re: Coordination of settlement conferences between B2M LP and NRLP
2025-2029 Transmission Revenue Requirement Applications
Ontario Energy Board File Numbers: EB-2024-0116 and EB-2024-0117**

On May 24, 2024, each of B2M Limited Partnership (B2M LP) and Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership (NRLP) filed transmission revenue requirement applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that the respective companies charge for electricity transmission, beginning January 1, 2025.

The OEB issued a separate Notice of Hearing for each application. Each of Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Consumers Council of Canada (CCC), and School Energy Coalition (SEC), applied for, and were granted, intervenor status and cost eligibility in both proceedings.

As noted in Procedural Order No. 1 for the proceeding on B2M LP's application, on July 12, 2024, SEC filed a letter on behalf of itself, AMPCO and CCC (collectively the Consumer Groups). The Consumer Groups noted that applications by B2M LP¹ and NRLP² are similar in that both applicants are single asset transmitters that are requesting similar rate frameworks for the same five-year term and whose applications are being brought on behalf of the specific entities by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One).

To promote regulatory efficiency and to help ensure consistent decision-making, the Consumer Groups requested that the OEB combine the applications into a single proceeding. The Consumer Groups state that SEC raised the request with Hydro One and that it agrees that the two applications could be heard together, however since the entities are distinct, any interrogatories and orders should still be referenced separately

¹ EB-2024-0116

² EB-2024-0117

by their respective application case numbers.

As noted in Procedural Order No. 1 for the proceeding on B2M LP's application, in light of Hydro One's response, the OEB will not combine these applications into a single proceeding, but the OEB agrees with the Consumer Groups that regulatory efficiency may be gained by coordinating them. With one exception, the OEB will align the two procedural schedules such that the events occur on the same dates (e.g., interrogatories, interrogatory responses). The exception is that the OEB does not plan to combine the two settlement conferences at this time. The OEB said it would schedule the settlement conferences such that the settlement conference for the NRLP proceeding is immediately followed by the settlement conference for the B2M LP proceeding over the course of three days (emphasis added).

This letter is to inform all parties in the proceeding on B2M LP's application that the two settlement conferences will now be coordinated over the course of two days. The start time will be coordinated among the parties, with consideration being given to the timing of the settlement conference for the B2M LP rate proceeding. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue on a date to be determined.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to the Case Manager, Muhammad Yunus at 416-544-5178 or Muhammad.Yunus@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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