



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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
July 29, 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 (Notice) 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 plans from OEB staff or intervenors to file evidence. On May 9, 2024, the OEB issued its decision on Issues 1, 2, and 3. In Procedural Order No. 2, issued on April 19, 2024, the date for filing letters of intent to file evidence on any of the issues was changed.

Proposed Evidence

In Procedural Order No. 3 issued on July 5, 2024, the OEB granted the requests of the LDC Transmission Group, ENWIN Utilities Inc. (ENWIN), and Glencore Canada Corporation (GCC) to file evidence, to the extent that that evidence focuses on transmission-connected customers. Because the findings set out in Procedural Order No. 3 were not available to parties when they submitted their letters of intent regarding the filing of evidence, the OEB required those parties to update the OEB on their plans regarding the filing of evidence in view of the findings of the OEB set out in the Procedural Order. The OEB asked the parties filing evidence to confirm that they still intend to file evidence, including the proposed detailed scope, time to prepare evidence and costs, if any.

The three parties filed letters confirming their intent to file evidence, as requested.

The OEB approves the requests of the LDC Transmission Group, ENWIN, and GCC to file evidence in this proceeding.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories on the evidence by OEB staff and all other parties. In preparing interrogatories, OEB staff and all other parties should refer to the OEB's approved Issues List. Parties should consult Rules 26 and 27 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing focused on material issues.

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. Any intervenor filing evidence shall file the evidence with the OEB and copy all intervenors by **August 29, 2024**.
2. If any party seeks information and material with respect to any evidence filed by any intervenor, that information shall be requested by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to intervenors, by **September 12, 2024**.
3. Intervenors that receive interrogatories on their evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and copy the responses to intervenors by **October 2, 2024**.
4. OEB staff and all other parties are asked to provide written submissions on all the issues by **October 16, 2024**.
5. OEB staff and all other parties may file reply submissions responding to the submissions of other parties by **October 30, 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-2022-0325** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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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 Michael.Price@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 29, 2024**

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