



PUC (Transmission) LP and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP

**Application for leave to construct transmission lines
and station facilities and associated approvals in the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
September 20, 2024**

PUC (Transmission) LP (PUC Transmission) and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP (HOSSM) applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 2, 2024, under sections 74, 78, 92 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) for various approvals to build high-voltage transmission facilities in Sault Ste. Marie.

Procedural Order No. 1, dated March 28, 2024, established a procedural schedule and approved Batchewana First Nation (BFN) and Essar Power Canada Limited as intervenors in the proceeding. The OEB also granted BFN eligibility for an award of costs.

On August 27, 2024, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on the application, which included a schedule for submissions regarding cost awards. BFN was required to file its cost claim by September 10, 2024. PUC Transmission and HOSSM were to file any objections to BFN's cost claim by September 17, 2024, and BFN was to respond to any objections by September 24, 2024.

The OEB received BFN's cost claim on September 19, 2024, delayed due to scheduling and filing issues with the OEB's cost claim portal. Consequently, the OEB finds it necessary to extend the deadlines for PUC Transmission and HOSSM to file objections to BFN's cost claim and for BFN to respond to any objections.

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. PUC Transmission and HOSSM shall file any objections to the cost claim with the OEB and forward them to BFN by **September 27, 2024**.
2. BFN shall file any responses to objections with the OEB and forward them to PUC Transmission and HOSSM by **October 4, 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-2023-0360** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

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, Katherine Wang at katherine.wang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 20, 2024**

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Registrar