



Lakefront Utilities Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
October 28, 2024**

Lakefront Utilities Inc. (Lakefront Utilities) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on September 9, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Lakefront Utilities charges for electricity distribution, starting January 1, 2025. Lakefront Utilities has also applied for incremental capital funding for its Victoria Street Substation project. Lakefront Utilities Inc. is also requesting disposition of its 2016 to 2023 Group 1 variance account balances on an interim basis, with the understanding that final disposition would be completed in 2025 for mid-year implementation.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 3, 2024. The Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility.

No objection was received from Lakefront Utilities.

CCMBC and VECC are approved as intervenors. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as **Schedule A** to this Procedural Order. CCMBC and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Scope of Proceeding

The OEB has determined that it will address matters related to the rate change and request for incremental capital funding at this time. The OEB will not adjudicate the disposition of Group 1 variance account balances on an interim basis. Instead, the OEB will consider the final disposition of the variance account balances at a later date.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Lakefront Utilities that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Lakefront Utilities by **December 2, 2024**.
2. Lakefront Utilities shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **December 20, 2024**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 21, 2025**.
4. Lakefront Utilities may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **February 7, 2025**.

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-2024-0038** 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, Harshleen Kaur at Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, October 28, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Schedule A

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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