

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

Application for Shoulderblade Falls Hydrel - Funding

**Decision on Issues List
November 4, 2024**

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 27, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking to change its revenue requirement by including incremental funding for the continued operation of the Deer Lake Shoulderblade Falls Hydroelectric Facility, beginning April 16, 2024 (Application). The Application was accepted by the OEB as complete on September 10, 2024, and a Notice of Hearing was issued on September 20, 2024.

On October 15, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 which made provision for HORCI and OEB staff to recommend an Issues List for the OEB's consideration.

OEB staff filed a letter proposing an Issues List on October 21, 2024. OEB staff's letter requested that the OEB waive the requirement under rule 26.02(e)(ii) of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* that interrogatories correspond to the issues list as parties may want to file interrogatories according to the page and/or section number in the Application.

OEB staff's October 18, 2024 letter also advised that OEB staff or HORCI may wish to propose additional matters for inclusion on the issues list after the interrogatory responses are received, given the proposed issues list was prepared prior to the interrogatory process.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the proposed Issues List and approves it for the purposes of this proceeding. The OEB has also considered the request to file interrogatories according to page and/or section and approves that request for this proceeding.

The OEB may update the Issues List as necessary to further define the scope of the proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The approved Issues List is attached to this Decision as Schedule A.

DATED at Toronto, **November 4, 2024**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

SCHEDULE A

APPROVED ISSUES LIST

HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.

EB-2024-0180

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1. Is the request to record amounts paid for Shoulderblade Falls Hydel through Rural and Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) funding appropriate?
2. Are the Shoulderblade Falls Hydel annual costs appropriate?
3. Is the methodology to calculate amounts paid for electricity generated appropriate?
4. Is the amount paid for road maintenance appropriate?
5. Is the proposed effective date appropriate?