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Subject: EB-2024-0331 NQS Generation Group - Pre-Hearing Conference - Intervention Requests and Cost Award Eligibility

Good afternoon,

On November 19, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued Procedural Order (PO) No. 1. In the PO, the OEB made provision for a transcribed virtual Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC).

The PO stated the following:

Intervention Requests and Cost Award Eligibility

In accordance with the Notice of Hearing, interested parties have until November 20, 2024, to apply for intervenor status in the proceeding and to indicate whether they seek cost award eligibility. The OEB expects that all parties requesting intervenor status will attend the pre-hearing conference and

make submissions demonstrating that they have a substantial interest in the proceeding in accordance with Rule 22.02 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Applicant will also have an opportunity to make submissions in response to the intervention requests. The OEB will make determinations on the intervention requests at the pre-hearing conference. Parties that are not granted intervenor status will not participate in the remainder of the pre-hearing conference. The OEB will make cost awards available in this proceeding to eligible parties in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure and the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Absent special circumstances, applicants are not eligible for an award of costs.

As this type of application is unique, relative to the typical OEB application, the panel wants to hear from parties that want to intervene to confirm they have a substantial interest that is within scope of the application and how they intend to participate (for example, the nature and scope of evidence an intervenor may want to present and how that's relevant to the application before the OEB). The intent is to make sure the proceeding is properly scoped and manageable given the tight statutory timeline. Parties are not expected to file compendiums or other materials.

Questions on which the panel would seek submissions on at the PCH will include, but may not be limited to, the following

1. How will your participation assist the OEB in making a determination?
2. Have you or your members followed and participated in the IESO's Market Rule Amendment consultations?
3. Have you reviewed the IESO's proposed Market Rule Amendments?
4. How will you work with other interested parties with similar interests to act as a unified voice in these proceeding?

Regards,
Mike

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