

EB-2024-0046

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

Application for electricity distribution rates beginning May 1, 2025

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 December 18, 2024

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (Northern Ontario Wires) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 30, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Northern Ontario Wires charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2025.

Procedural Order No. 1, issued on October 17, 2024, made provision for certain matters related to the proceeding, including the dates for the settlement conference, the filing of any settlement proposal, and OEB staff submission on the settlement proposal.

On December 13, 2024, the parties attending the settlement conference in the proceeding requested a third day of settlement, beyond the originally scheduled dates of December 12 and 13, 2024, as established in Procedural Order No. 1. A third settlement date of January 6, 2025, was proposed.

The OEB grants the request for a third settlement conference day.

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. The settlement conference amongst the parties and OEB staff will be reconvened on **January 6**, **2025**, starting at 9:30 a.m. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance.
- 2. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Northern Ontario Wires shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **January 10, 2025**. In that event, parties shall file with the OEB and serve on the

other parties by **January 17, 2025**, any submissions on the process for hearing all issues in the application.

- 3. If there is a settlement proposal, that proposal shall be filed with the OEB on or before **January 22, 2025**. On that same date, if there is only a partial settlement, parties shall file with the OEB and serve on the other parties any submissions on the process for hearing the unsettled issues.
- 4. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 29, 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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

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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, Vithooshan Ganesanathan,

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DATED at Toronto, December 18, 2024

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