



Lakefront Utilities Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
December 24, 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 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.

Extension to Filing Interrogatory Responses

In Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB scheduled interrogatory responses from Lakefront Utilities to be filed by December 20, 2024. By letter dated December 20, 2024, Lakefront Utilities requested an extension to the filing deadline for interrogatory responses. Lakefront Utilities requested an extension to the filing deadline for most of the interrogatory responses to be submitted by December 24, 2024, and for the remaining responses to be filed by January 17, 2025.

In its letter, Lakefront Utilities noted that it made substantial progress in addressing many of the interrogatories, however, a few responses require further attention, and the unavailability of certain parties to assist has impacted its ability to finalize the responses. Lakefront Utilities noted that the extension to the filing deadline will allow it to provide more comprehensive and accurate responses.

On December 23, 2024, Lakefront Utilities submitted interrogatory responses. In its cover letter to those responses, Lakefront Utilities identified one interrogatory – VECC-4 – “which would benefit from additional time to provide a more comprehensive response.” Lakefront Utilities requested an extension of the deadline for its response to interrogatory VECC-4 to January 17, 2025, “to ensure that key staff have sufficient time to address it accurately.”

Findings

The OEB approves Lakefront Utilities' request to deliver its interrogatory responses after the December 20, 2024 deadline established in Procedural Order No. 1, and acknowledges its submission of interrogatory responses on December 23, 2024. The OEB will set January 17, 2025 as the deadline for Lakefront Utilities' response to what it asserts is the one remaining interrogatory – VECC-4. This extension also necessitates the adjustment of the other deadlines set out in Procedural Order No. 1.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The procedural deadlines set out in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Procedural Order No. 1 are cancelled.
2. Lakefront Utilities shall file with the OEB a complete written response to interrogatory VECC-4 and serve it on all parties by **January 17, 2025**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 31, 2025**.
4. Lakefront Utilities may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **February 14, 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](#).

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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, **December 24, 2024**

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