

EB-2024-0058

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning May 1, 2025

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 January 16, 2025

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (Welland Hydro-Electric System) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated August 23, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B)* seeking approval for changes to the rates that Welland Hydro-Electric System charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2025. As part of its request, Welland Hydro has also applied to update its microFIT monthly service and an annual Renewable Generation Connection Rate Protection payment from the IESO under Ontario Regulation 25 330/09.

The OEB received a request on January 13, 2025, from Welland Hydro-Electric System for an extension to the date for filing a settlement proposal from January 13, 2025, to on or before February 7, 2025. Welland Hydro-Electric System advised that the parties continue to work towards drafting the finalized settlement proposal.

The OEB grants the extension and adjusts the dates for other steps in Procedural Order No. 1. The January 20, 2025 deadline for OEB staff to file a submission on the settlement proposal is changed to February 21, 2025 and the tentative date of January 27, 2025 for the presentation of the settlement proposal by Welland Hydro-Electric System is changed to February 27, 2025.

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. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **February 21, 2025**.
- 2. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **February 27, 2025**, starting at 9:30 a.m. for Welland Hydro-Electric System to present any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case.

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>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0058** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

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- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> 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 <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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, Narisa Jotiban at <u>Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at <u>Michael.Millar@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, January 16, 2025

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