

EB-2024-0015

E.L.K. Energy Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2

April 9, 2025

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 28, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2025. E.L.K. Energy is also requesting disposition of its balances from 2016 to 2023 in a deferral and variance account referred to as a Group 1 account and a single Group 2 account over a four-year period.

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1, E.L.K. Energy filed responses to interrogatories from OEB staff and the School Energy Coalition (SEC) on January 27, 2025. E.L.K. Energy also filed new information in the form of an eight-page cover letter. On March 13, 2025, among other matters, E.L.K. Energy provided an update to an interrogatory response.

Having reviewed the answers to interrogatories and the new information, the OEB is providing for supplemental written discovery in the following areas:

- the disposition of Group 1 balances from 2016 to 2023, and
- an order, requested from the OEB, to collect under-recovered amounts from the Independent Electricity System Operator.

The OEB notes that the supplemental discovery will be a cost-eligible activity for intervenors eligible for cost awards.

The OEB is also setting the schedule for written submissions in this proceeding, to be filed after E.L.K. Energy has answered the supplementary interrogatory questions.

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:

- OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from E.L.K. Energy that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on E.L.K. Energy by April 16, 2025.
- 2. E.L.K. Energy shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **April 30, 2025**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **May 14, 2025**.
- 4. E.L.K. Energy may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors by **May 28, 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 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 <u>Harshleen. Kaur@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</u>.

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DATED at Toronto, April 9, 2025

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