

EB-2024-0015

#### E.L.K. Energy Inc.

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

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 May 2, 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.

#### **Extension to Filing Interrogatory Responses**

In Procedural Order No. 2, the OEB scheduled E.L.K. Energy's filing of responses to interrogatories for April 30, 2025. The OEB also established deadlines for the filing of written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors, and E.L.K. Energy's reply submission.

By letter dated April 30, 2025, E.L.K. Energy requested an extension to the deadline for filing its responses to interrogatories from April 30, 2025 to May 2, 2025. E.L.K. Energy noted that it has taken longer than anticipated to provide accurate and complete responses to the interrogatories.

In its letter, E.L.K. Energy also proposed that the deadline for written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors be extended from May 14, 2025 to May 16, 2025. However, E.L.K. Energy proposed that the reply submission deadline of May 28, 2025 remain unchanged.

### **Findings**

The OEB approves E.L.K. Energy's request to file its interrogatory responses after the April 30, 2025 deadline established in Procedural Order No. 2. The OEB approves the proposed extension for OEB staff and intervenors to file written submissions. The OEB finds that a delay of a few days is reasonable to establish an accurate and complete evidentiary record.

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, and 3 of Procedural Order No. 2 are cancelled.
- 2. E.L.K. Energy shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **May 2, 2025**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **May 16, 2025**.
- 4. The procedural deadline set out in paragraph 4 of Procedural Order No. 2 is maintained. E.L.K. Energy may file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all parties 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 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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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 <a href="mailto:harshleen.kaur@oeb.ca">harshleen.kaur@oeb.ca</a> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <a href="mailto:lawren.murray@oeb.ca">lawren.murray@oeb.ca</a>.

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DATED at Toronto, May 2, 2025

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