

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2024-0231

UPPER CANADA TRANSMISSION 2, INC.

Application for the approval of transmission connection procedures

BY DELEGATION,

BEFORE: Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

May 6, 2025

THE APPLICATION

On July 17, 2024, Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. (Upper Canada Transmission) a licensed electricity transmitter, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval of its transmission connection procedures in accordance with Section 5.1(b) of its licence.¹

Section 6.1.3 of the Transmission System Code (TSC) requires a transmitter to publish on its website its OEB approved connection procedures for processing requests to connect to its transmission system or to modify connections to its transmission system.

As part of its application, Upper Canada Transmission also submitted a template Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement (CCRA) and a customer connection application form. Upper Canada Transmission also stated that it will make its connection procedures available to the public through its website upon receipt of OEB approval.

On October 25, 2024, Upper Canada Transmission submitted a revised version of its transmission connection procedures in response to a request for clarifications by OEB staff.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

DECISION

The OEB approves the transmission connection procedures filed by Upper Canada Transmission. The OEB finds Upper Canada Transmission's proposed connection procedures to be consistent with the requirements of the TSC. The OEB expects Upper Canada Transmission to ensure that its connection procedures remain compliant with all future amendments to the TSC.

The OEB reminds Upper Canada Transmission that its transmission connection procedures, as approved, must be posted on its website as required by section 6.1.3 of the TSC.

The OEB notes that Upper Canada Transmission's transmission connection procedures are in many respects similar to that of Hydro One Networks Inc. In its Decision dated October 30, 2008, the OEB noted that the TSC allows transmitters some flexibility in

¹ Upper Canada Transmission was issued electricity transmission license <u>ET-2011-0222</u> on November 25, 2011, with an effective date of August 7, 2013.

terms of the content of their connection procedures, to enable them to reflect their own needs and circumstances as they consider appropriate, provided that there is no inconsistency with the TSC². The OEB finds that it appropriate and efficient for transmitters to have connection procedures that are substantively similar, as it may reduce potential barriers for connecting customers. The OEB notes that Upper Canada Transmission has not received a request from a prospective customer to connect to its transmission facilities since the date its facilities were placed in service.

The OEB has also reviewed Upper Canada Transmission's template CCRA. In its Decision dated September 6, 2007, the OEB determined that it was not necessary for the OEB to specifically approve the template of the CCRA notwithstanding that the CCRA must be consistent with the TSC³. Accordingly, the OEB sees no reason to deviate from the approach enunciated in that Decision. The OEB expects Upper Canada Transmission to post its CCRA template on its website and notify the OEB of any material changes to the template as and when they occur.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The document entitled "Transmission Connection Procedures" filed by Upper Canada Transmission on October 25, 2024, and containing its connection procedures, is approved.

DATED at Toronto, May 6, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Brian Hewson Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

² EB-2008-0061; <u>Decision and Order</u> dated October 30, 2008; p. 4

³ EB-2006-0189; <u>Decision and Order</u> dated September 6, 2007; p. 4