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To: All Parties, EB-2016-0091

Re: Confirmation of the Decision of the OEB on the London Hydro Settlement Proposal and the related Schedule for filing of the draft Rate Order for Proceeding EB-2016-0091, determined on the London Hydro Presentation Day held on February 16, 2017

On February 16, 2017, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) held a Presentation Day where London Hydro presented a Settlement Proposal (filed on February 9, 2017) which had been agreed to by London Hydro and the four approved intervenors.

During the Presentation Day, London Hydro presented its proposal and responded to questions from the OEB panel members. When this was complete, the OEB delivered its decision¹ on the Settlement Proposal, indicating that while approving all other aspects of the Settlement Proposal, it would not approve the suspension of the implementation of OEB's Rate Design policy², specifically, London Hydro's proposal to delay the transition to fully fixed residential rates by one year. (Issues 3.3: Rate Design and 3.3.1: Residential Rate Design in the Settlement Proposal.)

After that decision, the OEB panel provided for the applicant and intervenors to caucus and discuss their submissions on the Settlement Proposal in consideration of the decision.

After a short recess, parties to the Settlement Proposal indicated that they would propose that the residential fixed rate issue be severed from the Settlement Proposal and that the OEB should then issue a ruling on the severed issue.³

¹ TR Vol. 1, February 16, 2017, pp. 47-48

² A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers, (EB-2012-0410)

³ TR Vol. 1, February 16, 2017, p. 52

After a short recess, the OEB agreed to the severability of the residential fixed rate issue and confirmed its approval of the remainder of the Settlement Proposal. Having severed issue 3.3.1, the OEB rejected the proposal regarding the delayed move to fully fixed residential rates.⁴

The OEB determined that London Hydro should file a draft rate order reflecting the OEB's decision by February 23, 2017; and that any comments, by intervenors or OEB staff, on the revised draft rate order should be filed by February 27, 2017.⁵

Yours truly,

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⁴ TR Vol. 1, February 16, 2017, p. 60

⁵ TR Vol. 1, February 16, 2017, pp. 61-62