



North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
May 1, 2021**

INTERIM RATE ORDER

April 27, 2021

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited (North Bay Hydro) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 5, 2021 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 North Bay Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2021.

The OEB notes that, as per Procedural Order No. 1 issued on February 18, 2021, there are still currently outstanding procedural steps remaining in this proceeding that extend into May. The OEB may not be in a position to render a final decision to implement rates on May 1, 2021, and therefore North Bay Hydro's current rates are declared interim as of May 1, 2021 until such time as new rates are approved by the OEB.

This determination is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on North Bay Hydro's application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination with regards to the effective date for North Bay Hydro's rates arising from this application. Despite granting an interim rate order at this time, the OEB retains the discretion to set the effective date at a date later than the date of the interim rate order. The OEB will ultimately set the effective date of the final rate order to whatever date it ultimately determines to be just and reasonable.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. North Bay Hydro's current Tariff of Rates and Charges are declared interim as of May 1, 2021 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the OEB.

DATED at Toronto, **April 27, 2021**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar