



## **Synergy North Corporation**

### **Application to Dispose of Balances in Two Deferral and Variance Accounts**

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 March 29, 2023**

Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 13, 2023, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval to dispose of the balances in two deferral and variance accounts.

On November 15, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation of Thunder Bay Hydro Electric Distribution Inc. and Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and deferred rate rebasing from the closing date of the transaction for five years. The transaction was effective January 1, 2019. Synergy North will maintain the two separate rate zones until rates are rebased.

By Decision and Rate Order<sup>1</sup> dated March 23, 2023, the OEB approved Synergy North's incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application for electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2023. Synergy North had originally requested approval to dispose of the balances in Account 1588 – RSVA Power and Account 1589 – RSVA Global Adjustment as part of its IRM application for both rate zones. Synergy North later submitted a request<sup>2</sup> to withdraw disposition of these two accounts for both rate zones in the 2023 IRM application, and to file a stand-alone application for disposition of these amounts.

Through this application Synergy North is now requesting approval to dispose of the balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589 for the two rate zones. If the application is approved as filed, for both rate zones, a typical residential customer and a typical general service less than 50 kW customer will be charged a monthly rate rider of \$0.0007/kWh for a 12-month period.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2022-0063

<sup>2</sup> Synergy North's letter filed with the OEB, dated February 15, 2023

## **The OEB will Hold a Public Hearing**

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Synergy North's application. During this hearing, we will question Synergy North on its case and consider questions and arguments from intervenors and OEB staff. At the end of the hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve Synergy North's request.

## **How to See the Application**

To access Synergy North's application and evidence, please enter the file number **EB-2023-0106** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

## **How to Participate**

If you wish to participate as an intervenor you should apply for intervenor status by **April 12, 2023**. For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to Rule 22 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). If you apply to become an intervenor, all information contained in your request will be public.

## **Format of Hearing**

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, written and electronic. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing. If someone believes that an oral hearing or an electronic hearing is needed, they must write to the OEB to explain why by **April 12, 2023**.

## **Interrogatories and Submissions**

At this time, the OEB is making provision for written interrogatories and written submissions. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

## **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any person that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **April 12, 2023**. For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

2. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Synergy North that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Synergy North and all other parties by **April 19, 2023**.
3. Synergy North shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all other parties by **May 3, 2023**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on Synergy North and all other parties by **May 17, 2023**.
5. Any reply submissions by Synergy North, shall and filed with the OEB be served on all other parties by **May 31, 2023**.

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*.

Please quote file number, **EB-2023-0106** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website;
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance;
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below 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, Katherine Wang at [Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca](mailto:Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca).

Email: [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca)

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

**DATED** at Toronto, **March 29, 2023**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**Before: Nancy Marconi**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar