



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

DECISION AND INTERIM ORDER

EB-2015-0275

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM
OPERATOR**

BEFORE: Rosemarie T. Leclair
Chair and Presiding Member

December 22, 2015

INTRODUCTION

On December 16, 2015 the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) filed a letter with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking the OEB's approval to have each of the current IESO usage fee of \$0.803/MWh charged to all market participants and the current Ontario Power Authority (OPA) usage fee of \$0.439/MWh¹ charged to domestic customers made interim beginning January 1, 2016 until the end of the month in which OEB approval of the IESOs 2016 revenue requirement submission is received. The IESO's request is made pursuant to section 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*.

The IESO also informed the OEB that the Minister of Energy approved its 2016-2018 business plan on December 9, 2015 and that it expects to file its 2016 revenue requirement submission with the OEB in January 2016.

Pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* the OEB has determined that it will decide this matter without a hearing.

FINDINGS

The OEB approves the requested IESO usage fee of \$0.803/MWh, (approved in EB-2013-0381) and the OPA usage fee of \$0.439/MWh (approved in EB-2013-0326) on an interim basis. The determination to allow interim fees is made without prejudice to the OEB's ultimate decision on the IESO's 2016 revenue requirement submission once filed, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the OEB's final determination of the IESO's 2016 fee or of the effective date of such fee.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The IESO usage fee of \$0.803/MWh, charged to all market participants, is approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2016.
2. The OPA usage fee of \$0.439/MWh, charged to all domestic customers, is approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2016.
3. The IESO shall immediately serve a copy of this Order on all intervenors in EB-2013-0381 and EB-2013-0326 and shall post a copy of this Order in a prominent place on the IESO's website.

¹ The IESOs December 16, 2015 letter incorrectly identified the OPA usage fee approved in EB-2013-0326 as 0.438/MWh. The correct OPA usage fee approved in EB-2013-0326 is \$0.439/MW and was corrected by the IESO by letter dated December 22, 2015.

DATED at Toronto December 22, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary