

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

WATAYNIKANEYAP POWER LP

Wataynikaneyap Power LP applied to establish a deferral account to record development costs in relation to the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project.

Learn more. Have your say.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to establish a deferral account to record costs incurred in relation to the development of the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project starting August 26, 2016. The Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project includes the construction of a new electricity transmission line from Dryden/Ignace to Pickle Lake and related reinforcements and construction of lines extending north from Red Lake and Pickle Lake required to connect certain named remote First Nation communities.

The costs that Wataynikaneyap Power LP proposes to record in the deferral account relate to engineering, design, procurement, permitting and licencing, environmental and regulatory approvals, land rights acquisition, stakeholder consultation and Aboriginal engagement, interconnection studies, Aboriginal participation including formation of the applicant and its predecessor organizations and project management and administration. Notwithstanding the proposed August 26, 2016 start date for this account, Wataynikaneyap Power LP proposes to record costs incurred since September 2008. The costs tracked in this account will be recoverable if, in a future proceeding, the Ontario Energy Board determines that the costs were prudently incurred.

The Minister of Energy has informed the Ontario Energy Board that an Order-in-Council has been made declaring that the construction of the line to Pickle Lake and extending north from Red Lake and Pickle Lake to connect certain named remote First Nation communities to the provincial electricity grid are priority projects. As directed by the Minister of Energy, the Ontario Energy Board has amended Wataynikaneyap Power LP's electricity transmission licence to require that it undertake development work in relation to the line to Pickle Lake and the lines extending north from Red Lake and Pickle Lake.

The Order-in-Council and the Minister of Energy's Directive are available under the "Priority Transmission Projects" section on the Ontario Energy Board website.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Wataynikaneyap Power LP's request. We will question the company on its request to establish a deferral account. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals and from groups on this matter. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to establish the requested deferral account.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Wataynikaneyap LP's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **October 31, 2016** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the

proceeding.

- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2016-0262**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case please enter the file number **EB-2016-0262** on the OEB website:

www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Wataynikaneyap LP has applied for a written hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 31, 2016**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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