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New Brunswick Power Corporation

RATE DESIGN

NOTICE

The New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) has applied to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) on June 28, 2022 (Application) for the following:

- (1) An Order approving in concept the proposed classification of commercial and industrial customers into small, medium, large, and transmission-connected classes;
- (2) An Order approving NB Power's proposal to eliminate the GS II rate class by first improving revenue to cost ratios for existing commercial and industrial customers, and then implementing new rate classes as set out in section 3.3 of the Evidence;
- (3) An Order approving in concept NB Power's proposal to allow farms, places of worship, and certain charities (i.e., charities providing a social service role with regard to poverty) with small loads (less than 60,000 kWh per year and less than 20 kW) to access residential rates in the future;
- (4) An Order approving in concept NB Power's proposal to allow all Premises with Lodging that have small loads (less than 60,000 kWh per year and less than 20 kW), as well as those that have mid-sized loads (less than 150,000 kWh per year and less than 50 kW) in which charitable lodging is provided by a registered charity, to access residential rates in the future;

- (5) An Order approving in concept NB Power's proposal for the sequencing and approximate timing of rate design activities as set out in section 3.6 of the Evidence;
- (6) An Order approving NB Power's proposal that products and services deemed to be in markets with sufficient competitive characteristics become regulated as a portfolio of Customer Energy Solutions as set out in section 4.1 of the Evidence;
- (7) An Order approving NB Power's proposal that water heating, area lighting and SureConnect offerings be included in the proposed portfolio of Customer Energy Solutions;
- (8) An Order approving NB Power's proposal to continue using revenue to cost ratios and to use differential rate guidelines for street lighting rental services and unmetered services;
- (9) An Order approving NB Power's proposed CCAS methodology changes to Street Lights and Unmetered Rate Classes as set out in section 4.4.2 of the Evidence;
- (10) An Order approving NB Power's proposed CCAS format changes related to Customer Energy Solutions as set out in section 4.4.3 of the Evidence;
- (11) An Order approving NB Power's proposed method of calculating rates for a Net Zero Rate as set out in section 5.2.4 of the Evidence;
- (12) An Order requiring the issue of public electric vehicle ("EV") charging and fleet EV charging be addressed for resolution in Phase 2 (as proposed in section 5.2.5 of the Evidence) with mitigation of unnecessary or unjustified barriers in rate design as an objective;
- (13) An Order requiring the issue of modernizing NB Power's net metering program be addressed for resolution in Phase 2;
- (14) An Order requiring the issues of EV residential charging, EV general service charging, and large scale self-generation be addressed for resolution in Phase 2;

- (15) An Order requiring NB Power to submit a detailed proposal in Phase 2 for an efficient and predictable process by which NB Power can seek approval for special-purpose rate designs and rates for a demonstration project, pilot, or soft launch, as required, to undertake rate design learning;
- (16) An Order approving NB Power's practice of using the current rate of \$15.00 for Non-Sufficient Funds Charge until such time as that rate is no longer reasonable;
- (17) An Order approving NB Power's practice of using the current rate for calculating Late Payment Charges until such time as that rate is no longer reasonable;
- (18) An Order approving NB Power's practice of not applying general rate increases to EV charging rates and allowing NB Power to set EV charging rates so as to be comparable to other EV charging rates in the region;
- (19) An Order directing NB Power to use the rate design roadmap as proposed in the Evidence as a guide in the filing of future rate design applications;
- (20) Directions with respect to the schedule for the full hearing of this Application, and any other preliminary or procedural matters; and
- (21) Such other Orders and/or directions with respect to any other matters or future proceedings as the Board sees fit.

The Board adjourned the pre-hearing in this Matter while NB Power conducted their Public Information and Stakeholder Engagement program.

The Board will resume the Pre-Hearing Conference for this Matter via Zoom Video Conference on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** Interested parties may attend and make representations about the procedure to be followed and any other relevant matters.

Parties who intend to intervene should register by visiting the Rules of Procedure section of the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca and complete the "Intervener Request" form, specifying Matter No. 529. The form should be completed and filed with the Board no later than Friday, November 4 at 4 p.m., at general@nbeub.ca. Parties are to indicate the official language in which they wish to be heard.

A copy of the proposed Filing and Hearing Schedule shall be posted on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca.

The Application and supporting documents may be viewed on the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca under Matter No. 529.