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VARY ORDER

EB-2019-0252

ELEXICON ENERGY INC. - VERIDIAN RATE ZONE

**Order Varying the Decision and Order issued on April 16, 2020
Application for rates and other charges to be effective May 1, 2020**

By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott

April 28, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has, on its own motion, pursuant to section 41 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, decided to review and vary its Decision and Rate Order in this proceeding issued on April 16, 2020 (Decision).

The Decision approved the incentive rate-setting mechanism application filed by Elexicon Energy Inc. (Elexicon Energy) for its Veridian Rate Zone (Veridian RZ) for new rates effective May 1, 2020. In light of the uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision also granted Elexicon Energy the option to postpone implementation of its new rates for the Veridian RZ until November 1, 2020.

On April 21, 2020, Elexicon Energy wrote to the OEB seeking authorization to postpone the implementation of its new rates for the Veridian RZ to at least November 1, 2020, indicating that it might seek to extend the postponement past that date. Elexicon Energy explained that it wishes to determine the best options available to minimize rate impacts to customers given that it intends to propose harmonization of the Veridian RZ with the utility's other rate zone (the Whitby RZ), to a common rate year in January, 2021.

THE PROCESS

The OEB has decided, pursuant to sections 6(4) and 21(4) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to review and vary the Decision and Rate Order without a hearing as no person will be adversely impacted by the outcome of this proceeding.

OEB FINDINGS

The OEB accepts Elexicon Energy's proposal and finds that it is therefore necessary to vary the Decision.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Decision and Rate Order in EB-2019-0252, issued April 16, 2020, is varied such that paragraphs 1 through 5 of the Order section are replaced, in their entirety, with the following:

1. Subject to paragraph 2, the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective May 1, 2020 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date.
2. In light of the COVID-19 emergency, the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A is approved to be implemented November 1, 2020, or later upon giving prior notice to the OEB.
3. Any temporarily forgone distribution revenue associated with the postponement referred to in paragraph 2 may be tracked in Account 1509 - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues.
4. Elexicon Energy Inc. shall notify its customers in the Veridian Rate Zone of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.

DATED at Toronto April 28, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long

Registrar and Board Secretary