

Hydro Ottawa Limited

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges for the period from January 1, 2021 to
December 31, 2025**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7
September 22, 2020**

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on February 11, 2020 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2021, and for each following year through to December 31, 2025.

In a letter dated September 11, 2020 the OEB granted its third extension to the deadline date for Hydro Ottawa to file a settlement proposal and suspended all dates in Procedural Order (PO) No. 6 until a settlement proposal was filed or, if there was no settlement proposal, a written notification of the failure to reach a settlement was filed. The deadline date for any OEB staff submission on the settlement proposal would be set once the settlement proposal was filed.

On September 18, 2020 Hydro Ottawa filed a settlement proposal with the OEB. The Parties have come to an agreement on all but one outstanding issue. The Parties also agree that the one outstanding issue should be addressed by way of a written hearing on the condition that intervenors will have an opportunity to provide a response to any new points raised in Hydro Ottawa's reply submission.

PO No. 6 had set out deadlines for the filing of a settlement proposal and for any submission by OEB staff thereon. In this Procedural Order, the OEB is establishing a due date for the OEB staff submission. Following receipt of that submission, the OEB will consider and make its determination on the settlement proposal and, if the settlement proposal is accepted, on the process for dealing with the unsettled issue.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 29, 2020**.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2019-0261**, be submitted in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to boardsec@oeb.ca.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below and be received no later than 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, Shuo Zhang at Shuo.Zhang@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 22, 2020**

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Registrar and Board Secretary