



**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Barrie:

**Re: EB-2021-0035 Hydro Ottawa Limited - Application for 2022 Rates  
Pole Attachment Guidance**

This letter is in response to your letter to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) dated November 23, 2021, in which you sought guidance from the OEB with respect to the pole attachment charge to finalize 2022 distribution rates and charges.

Specifically, Hydro Ottawa requested the OEB confirm whether it has completed its review of the pole attachment charge, and further if Hydro Ottawa should anticipate the pole attachment charge to be finalized in time for setting its distribution rates effective January 1, 2022. If the charge is unlikely to be finalized in time for rates effective January 1, 2022, Hydro Ottawa requested the OEB confirm whether Hydro Ottawa should maintain the current interim pole attachment charge for the purpose of setting its 2022 distribution rates and charges.

As mentioned in the OEB's decision dated December 10, 2020, the current pole attachment charge of \$44.50 will remain effect as of January 1, 2021 on an interim basis, until further notice.<sup>1</sup>

The OEB does not anticipate the pole attachment charge to be finalized in time for setting Hydro Ottawa's 2022 distribution rates and advises that Hydro Ottawa shall maintain the current interim pole attachment charge of \$44.50 for setting 2022 rates.

Hydro Ottawa also mentioned its intention of requesting any relevant variance accounts at the time of the final decision and order related to the pole attachment charge, if such charge is not set in time for rates effective January 1, 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2020-0288, Order on Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, dated December 10, 2020.

The OEB acknowledges that a variance account to allow distributors an opportunity to true up any material differences in pole attachment revenue may be needed, following the finalization of the pole attachment charge. The OEB advises that if the OEB changes the level of the charge, it will be accompanied by any applicable guidance including the need for a variance account.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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