

**Hydro One Networks Inc.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning Jan 1, 2025**

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
October 17, 2024**

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) filed a custom incentive rate-setting (CIR) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 30, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One charges for electricity distribution and other charges, beginning Jan 1, 2025.

On April 30, 2020, the OEB approved Hydro One's request to acquire the distribution businesses of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation (Orillia Power Distribution).<sup>1</sup> The integration into Hydro One's distribution system was completed on June 1, 2021.

Hydro One is requesting, among other things, approval to recover and allocate credits in accordance with wheeling agreements related to Orillia Power Generation Corporation generation stations embedded in Hydro One's distribution system. These amounts are for the years 2021-2023 and will result in a credit to the Orillia Rate Zone and a corresponding debit to Hydro One.

The 2025 distribution rates and related charges for the Orillia Rate Zone are under review by the OEB in proceeding EB-2024-0033. The OEB is convening a hearing to consider Hydro One's request for approval of wheeling credits for both applications as part of this proceeding.

If the Hydro One and Orillia Rate Zone applications are approved as filed, typical residential and general service customers for Hydro One and the Orillia Rate Zone would see the following total bill decrease:

Rate Class	Total Bill Impacts	
	Hydro One Rate Zone	Orillia Rate Zone
Residential (750 kWh) – R1	-\$2.77 per month	-\$8.57 per month

<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0270

General Service less than 50 kW (2,000 kWh) - GSe	-\$0.64 per month	-\$23.24 per month
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On April 18, 2024, the OEB also approved the sale of Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (Chapleau Public Utilities) distribution system assets to Hydro One. On August 2, 2024, Hydro One notified the OEB that the sale and integration of Chapleau Public Utilities was completed. Former Chapleau Public Utilities customers have been mapped to corresponding Hydro One rate classes. As part of this acquisition Decision, Hydro One's current rate riders will not apply to former Chapleau Public Utilities customers at this time.<sup>2</sup>

If the application is approved as filed, typical residential and general service customers of the former Chapleau Public Utilities would see the following total bill increase before mitigation:<sup>3</sup>

Rate Class	Former Chapleau Public Utilities Customers Total Bill Impacts
Residential (750 kWh) – R1	\$3.11 per month (1.8% increase)
General Service less than 50 kW (2,000 kWh) - GSe	\$81.27 per month (21.7% increase)

This Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order provides for procedural steps in the OEB's review of Hydro One's CIR annual update for 2025. To access Hydro One's application please select the file number **EB-2024-0032** on the OEB website: <https://www.oeb.ca/applications/applications-oeb>.

### Request for intervenor status and cost awards

Intervenors of record in Hydro One's last cost of service application (EB-2021-0110), Hydro One's application to acquire Chapleau Public Utilities (EB-2023-0328), and Orillia Power Distribution's last cost of service application (EB-2009-0273) will be accepted as intervenors in this proceeding if they notify the OEB of their intention to participate in writing by **October 24, 2024**.

Any other person that wishes to participate as an intervenor should apply for intervenor status by **October 24, 2024**.

<sup>2</sup> EB-2023-0328

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the acquisition Decision, Hydro One will provide a credit to limit the total monthly bill impacts to no more than 10% for all non-residential customers. The bill impacts presented in this table do not account for the credit that will reduce the impacts to no more than 10%.

For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to Rule 22 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). If you apply to become an intervenor, all information contained in your request will be public.

The OEB does not intend to award costs for participating in this proceeding.

### Format of Hearing

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic, and written. Hydro One has requested that the application be adjudicated without a hearing. If you think a hearing is needed, you can write to us to explain why and what type by **October 24, 2024**.

During a hearing, we will question the applicant about its application. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

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. Hydro One shall post a copy of this Notice and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence and any amendments thereto on Hydro One's website.
2. Intervenors of record in EB-2021-0110, EB-2023-0328 or EB-2009-0273 that wish to intervene in the proceeding should notify the OEB by letter by **October 24, 2024**. A copy of the letter must be sent to Hydro One.
3. Any other person that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **October 24, 2024**.
4. If intervenors or OEB staff seek information from Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing, they shall request the information by means of written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **October 31, 2024**.
5. Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **November 11, 2024**.
6. Any written submissions from OEB staff and intervenors, shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **November 20, 2024**.

7. Any reply submissions from Hydro One shall be filed with the OEB and served on intervenors by **November 27, 2024**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0032** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 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, Abila Nur at [Abila.Nur@oeb.ca](mailto:Abila.Nur@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Jamie Sidlofsky at [Jamie.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca](mailto:Jamie.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **October 17, 2024**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Nancy Marconi**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar