



Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
May 1, 2025**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
April 24, 2025**

Greater Sudbury Hydro filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 30, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Greater Sudbury Hydro charges for electricity distribution, beginning May 1, 2025.

In Procedural Order No. 1 dated December 12, 2024, the OEB established, among other things, the timetable for a written interrogatory discovery process and a settlement conference.

Greater Sudbury Hydro and all approved intervenors participated in the settlement conference which was held on February 10-12, 2025. The participating intervenors were the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario, Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada, School Energy Coalition, and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (collectively, the Parties). OEB staff attended the settlement conference; however, it was not a party to the resulting settlement proposal.

Parties reached a partial settlement, and a partial settlement proposal was filed on March 19, 2025. The unsettled elements are part of Issue 6.1 of the OEB-approved issues list.¹ The unsettled elements are linked as both arise from Greater Sudbury Hydro's transition from cash-based accounting to accrual-based accounting for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs).² The Parties agreed that the following should proceed to a hearing before the OEB:

- The proposed recovery of \$26,089,910 related to Account 1508 – Other Regulatory Assets, Sub-Account OPEB Cash to Accrual Transitional Amount, including the length of any disposition period.

¹ The Issues List approved in the [OEB's Decision on Issues List](#), December 19, 2025.

² EB-2024-0026, Cover Letter to Settlement Proposal, p. 2

- The proposed credit of (\$7,218,181) related to disposition of Account 1508 – Other Regulatory Assets, Sub-Account OPEB Actuarial Gains & Losses, including the length of any disposition period.³

In the settlement proposal, the Parties requested that the unsettled matters be heard by way of a written hearing process. Parties proposed associated steps and filing dates for the OEB's consideration for the written hearing. Among other matters, Parties requested that the OEB allow the filing of supplemental evidence related to the OPEB transition amount and the associated variances from 2020 to 2024, and that the OEB provide an opportunity for intervenors and OEB staff to submit interrogatories to Greater Sudbury Hydro with respect to the supplemental OPEB evidence.⁴

The OEB issued a Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order which accepted the partial settlement proposal.⁵ The OEB accepted the Parties' proposal for a written hearing process to consider the unsettled issues and noted that a procedural order setting out the process would be issued in due course.⁶

This Procedural Order addresses the steps for the unsettled issues in this proceeding.

The Parties to the settlement proposal proposed the filing of supplemental evidence which require additional procedural steps up to and including the filing of written submissions.

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

³ Ibid

⁴ EB-2024-0026, Cover Letter to Settlement Proposal, March 19, 2024, p. 3

⁵ EB-2024-0026, Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order, April 15, 2025, p. 5

⁶ Ibid, p. 7

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall file with the OEB and serve on all parties, supplemental written evidence with respect to its claimed OPEB amounts, including a history of its OPEB obligations prior to 2020 that is in addition to the evidence already filed by **May 9, 2025**.
2. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. on the supplemental evidence, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **May 23, 2025**.
3. Greater Sudbury Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories on the supplemental evidence on OPEBs and serve them on all parties by **June 6, 2025**.
4. With respect to the unsettled issues, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall file its argument-in-chief with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **June 20, 2025**.
5. Intervenors and OEB staff shall file their written submissions on the unsettled issues with the OEB and serve them on all other parties by **July 4, 2025**.
6. Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall file its reply submission with the OEB and serve it on all parties by **July 18, 2025**.

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 numbers, **EB-2024-0026** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below 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, Georgette Vlahos at georgette.vlahos@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Ljuba Djurdjevic at ljuba.djurdjevic@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, April 24, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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