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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission
Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa)
2026-2030 Custom Rate Application for Electricity Distribution Rates and
Charges
OEB File Number: EB-2024-0115**

Please find attached OEB staff's submission in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1.

Yours truly,

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Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2024-0115



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality

Hydro Ottawa Limited

2026-2030 Electricity Distribution Rates

EB-2024-0115

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Introduction

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 15, 2025 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026 (Application).

As part of its Application, Hydro Ottawa filed two letters to the OEB dated April 15, 2025¹ and April 28, 2025² requesting confidential treatment for specific information pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction).³ The letters provide references, general descriptions and rationale for proposed redactions which are contained in the documents below:

1. Exhibit 1, Tab 3, Schedule 4, Attachment A, Page 1 (Document 1)
 - Item 1 – Asset Efficiency - Operational information regarding generation activities of an affiliate
 - Items 2 and 3 – Profitability Metrics - Co-mingled financial Information of affiliates
2. Exhibit 6, Tab 2, Schedule 1, Attachment A, Pages 1-155 (Document 2)
 - Employee Names / Employment History
 - Registered Business Numbers
3. Exhibit 8, Tab 2, Schedule 3, Attachment C, Pages 64, and 69-70 (Document 3)
 - Metered Badge Number
 - Transformation Identification Numbers

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff submits that the information is irrelevant to the proceeding and therefore does not oppose Hydro Ottawa's requests for redaction. However, OEB staff disagrees with Hydro Ottawa's characterization of some of the information in Document 2.

Hydro Ottawa describes some of the proposed redactions in Document 2 as "Employee Names and Employment History" that are personal information. Hydro Ottawa further argued that the redacted information is not relevant to the Application. Upon review,

¹ EB-2024-0115, [Letter to OEB](#), April 15, 2025

² EB-2024-0115, [Letter to OEB](#), April 28, 2025

³ Ontario Energy Board, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

OEB staff notes that some of these proposed redactions do not appear to relate to employee names and/or employment history, and do not appear to include any personal information as described in the Practice Direction.

The proposed redactions that do not appear to entirely relate to employee names and/or employment history are listed below.

- Redactions on page 117 of Document 2
- Redactions on pages 152-153 (columns A and B) of Document 2
- Redactions on page 153 (columns C, D, and E) of Document 2
- Redactions on pages 154-155 of Document 2

The proposed redactions listed below which were identified by Hydro Ottawa as being personal information do not in fact appear to contain personal information as defined in the Practice Direction.

- Redactions on page 12 (Boxes 260-261) of Document 2
- Redactions on pages 152-153 (columns A and B) of Document 2
- Redactions on pages 154-155 of Document 2

Furthermore, OEB staff notes that Hydro Ottawa did not identify the redactions on pages 6 (Box 945), 105, and 135 of Document 2 which are registered business numbers that Hydro Ottawa requested as confidential information in Appendix A of the April 28, 2025 letter.

Notwithstanding the above noted issues, OEB staff submits that the information proposed to be redacted in all three documents is irrelevant to the proceeding and therefore is willing to accept them.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~