

EB-2025-0209

Ottawa River Power Corporation

Application for Accounting Order

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 August 1, 2025

On June 27, 2025, Ottawa River Power Corporation (Ottawa River Power) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998. Ottawa River Power seeks the OEB's approval to establish a deferral account to record Incremental Capital Module (ICM)-related amounts previously approved by the OEB for inclusion in Ottawa River Power's rates effective May 1, 2022 (OEB file no. EB-2021-0052) but inadvertently omitted from rates in that earlier proceeding due to a formula error. If approved, the requested account will record the omitted revenues from May 1, 2022 to the effective date of Ottawa River Power's next rebasing application.

The OEB deemed the application incomplete on July 9, 2025. Ottawa River Power filed an amended application on July 11, 2025 and the OEB issued a completeness letter on July 18, 2025.

The application will be heard by Commissioner Vinay Sharma.

Ottawa River Power requests approval for the following:

- The establishment of a deferral account to record the lost revenues resulting from the omission of the approved ICM assets from its rate base in its 2022 Cost of Service Application (EB-2021-0052) due to a formula error
- The account will capture the lost revenues from May 1, 2022 to the effective date of Ottawa River Power's next rebasing application
- The amounts are to be calculated based on the difference between the approved and recalculated fixed and variable distribution rates, adjusted for the price cap index, and using actual monthly customer counts/connections and consumption by rate classification.
- The proper calculation of the tracked balance and Ottawa River Power's entitlement to recovery of all or part of the tracked balance, will be determined in its next Cost of

Service rate application, currently scheduled to be filed in August 2026 for rates effective May 1, 2027

Request for intervenor status and cost eligibility

Intervenors of record in the OEB's proceedings on Ottawa River Power's application for 2022¹ electricity distribution rates will be accepted as intervenors in this proceeding if they notify the OEB of their intention to participate in writing by emailing the Registrar at registrar@oeb.ca by August 8, 2025. Any party that was determined to be eligible for costs in the proceeding on Ottawa River Power's application for 2022 Cost of Service will be eligible for costs in this proceeding. Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed.

To access Ottawa River Power's application please select the file number EB-2025-0209 on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice

Format of the Hearing

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic, and written. The OEB intends to proceed with a written hearing. If you have a preference for the type of hearing, you can write to us to explain why by **August 8**, **2025**.

Interrogatories and Submissions

At this time, the OEB is making provision for written interrogatories and submissions. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

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

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Intervenors of record in the OEB's proceeding on Ottawa River Power's application for 2022 rates that wish to participate in this proceeding shall notify the OEB by letter by **August 8, 2025**. A copy of the letter must be sent to Ottawa River Power.
- 2. If intervenors or OEB staff seek information from Ottawa River Power that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing,

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¹ EB-2021-0052

they shall request the information through written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **August 19, 2025**.

- 3. Ottawa River Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **September 3, 2025**.
- 4. Any written submissions from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 18, 2025**.
- 5. Any written submissions from intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 23, 2025**.
- 6. Any written reply submissions from Ottawa River Power shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 3, 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 number **EB-2025-0209** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online filing portal</u>.

- 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 <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> documents online page of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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, Kelli Benincasa, at Kelli.Benincasa@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, August 8, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar