

EB-2024-0115

Hydro Ottawa Limited

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2026

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2 August 7, 2025

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 Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026.

On July 4, 2024, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which, among other things, set out the dates for the filing of interrogatories by intervenors and OEB staff, as well as the date by which Hydro Ottawa is to file written responses to interrogatories with the OEB. On June 24, 2025, the OEB issued a Decision on Confidentiality and Issues List which also contained five illustrative schedules for potential subsequent procedural steps in this proceeding. The OEB is now establishing the next procedural steps in this case.

Technical Conference

The OEB is making provision for a transcribed virtual technical conference. In preparation for the technical conference, the OEB will require parties to file a description of the specific areas that they will be focusing on and an estimate of time required for each area of focus by **September 15**, **2025**. This will allow a technical conference schedule to be developed. If parties wish to file specific questions in advance, they may do so.

The technical conference will start on **September 22**, **2025**, and continue through **September 26**, **2025**, if necessary. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB by **October 6**, **2025**.

Motions Hearing

The OEB is making provision for a transcribed virtual motions hearing, if necessary, on **October 14, 2025**. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the OEB

to address any motions that may be filed with respect to interrogatory responses, technical conference undertaking responses, or other matters.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB. All procedural dates set out in Procedural Order No. 1 remain unchanged.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. A transcribed virtual technical conference will be convened on September 22, 2025, starting at 9:30 am. If necessary, the technical conference will continue through September 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2025. OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Hydro Ottawa, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the Technical Conference, and time estimates, by September 15, 2025. Further information on how to connect to the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
- 2. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all intervenors by **October 6, 2025**.
- 3. If necessary, a transcribed virtual motions hearing will be held on **October 14**, **2025**, starting at 9:30 a.m. to hear any motions that have been filed. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

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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, Margaret DeFazio, at 416-440-7674 or Margaret.DeFazio@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, August 7, 2025

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