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August 11, 2025

Mr. Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar
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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Subject: Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa)
Custom Incentive Rate-Setting (Custom IR) Application for 2026-2030
Electricity Distribution Rates and Charges - Interrogatory Responses
OEB File: EB-2024-0115**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, on July 22, 2025 Hydro Ottawa received approximately 1876 interrogatories (including sub-parts) from OEB Staff and intervenors, and must respond to these interrogatories within 22 calendar days by August 12, 2025.

Hydro Ottawa staff have been working diligently, including nights and weekends, to prepare thoughtful responses to the questions asked in order to support an efficient and effective adjudication process in this application. However, due to the total number and complexity of questions received, Hydro Ottawa requires additional time to file its responses with the OEB. To that end, the utility kindly requests an extension to file its responses to interrogatories by Thursday, August 14, 2025; however note that submissions may be after 4:45pm. In addition, Hydro Ottawa will file some responses by intervenor groups on August 12, as available.

With respect to the total volume of interrogatories received, the table below provides a comparison of the number of interrogatories Hydro Ottawa received in its 2021-2025 rate application to the current 2026-2030 rate application. This table shows that demand on Hydro Ottawa's time to respond to interrogatories is approximately 27% greater in this application than it was in its last proceeding.

	2021-2025 CIR	2026-2030 CIR	%
Number of Questions	609	577	
Number of Interrogatories including sub-parts	1,741	1,876	7.8%
Number of Calendar Days provided	26	22	(15.4%)
IRs per day	67	85	27%



With respect to the complexity of the interrogatories, Hydro Ottawa notes that the questions include requests to produce detailed calculations and models and third-party related information which takes time to gather and prepare for filing, including conducting detailed reviews and redactions for confidentiality.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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