

EB-2025-0129

Five Nations Energy Inc.

Application for 2026-2030 electricity transmission rates January 1, 2026

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 August 27, 2025

Five Nations Energy Inc. (Five Nations Energy) filed a transmission revenue requirement application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 9, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Five Nations Energy charges for electricity transmission, beginning January 1, 2026.

The application will be heard by Commissioners Vinay Sharma (presiding), Allison Duff, and David Sword.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on August 1, 2025. No intervention requests were received by the OEB.

Issues List

The OEB is making provision for the development of an issues list prior to the filing of written interrogatories. Five Nations Energy and OEB staff shall develop and OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list for the OEB's consideration. If there is no agreement on a proposed issues list, OEB staff will advise the OEB in writing. The OEB will approve an issues list prior to the filing of interrogatories.

Interrogatories

The OEB is making provision for written interrogatories.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u> regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Settlement Conference

The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference. Given that this proceeding has no intervenors, and pursuant to the <u>Practice Direction on Settlement Conferences</u>, OEB staff will be a party to the settlement conference and any resulting settlement proposal.

Following the settlement conference, provision is being made for the filing of letters informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions, the presentation of any settlement proposal filed by Five Nations Energy, whether full or partial, and for the presentation of any unsettled issues to be adjudicated by the OEB.

The OEB is making provision for the following related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that Five Nations Energy and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a proposed issues list by **September 5, 2025**.
- OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Five Nations Energy that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 23**, 2025.
- 3. Five Nations Energy shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff by **October 16, 2025**.
- 4. A Settlement Conference between Five Nations Energy and OEB staff will be convened on October 27, 2025, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the Settlement Conference will continue on October 28, 2025. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance of the conference. If OEB staff intends to submit clarification questions to Five Nations Energy as part of the settlement process, it is encouraged to submit these questions as far in advance as possible of the commencement of the settlement conference, in the interests of making the settlement process as efficient as possible.
- 5. **Within 48 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, Five Nations Energy shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement

- discussions including whether a tentative agreement has been reached or if propose to continue the settlement discussions.
- 6. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Five Nations Energy shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 4**, **2025**. In that event, Five Nations Energy and OEB staff shall file and serve on each other by **November 10**, **2025**, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.
- 7. If there is a settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, it shall be filed with the OEB on or before **November 24**, **2025**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether Five Nations Energy and/or OEB staff believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.

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-2025-0129** 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>.

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- 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 registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
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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, Jeffrey Sauer at Jeffrey.Sauer@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, James Sidlofsky at James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, August 27, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar