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DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY

EB-2024-0115

HYDRO OTTAWA LIMITED

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Commissioner

Robert Dodds
Commissioner

David Sword
Commissioner

September 9, 2025

1 OVERVIEW

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed an 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, and for each following year through December 31, 2030.

On August 18, 2025, Hydro Ottawa filed a letter to the OEB requesting confidential treatment for specific information filed as part of its interrogatory responses.¹

On August 21, 2025, Hydro Ottawa filed a further letter to the OEB requesting confidential treatment for additional information.²

Redacted versions of the interrogatory responses were filed on the public record of this proceeding and un-redacted versions of the documents were filed confidentially with the OEB pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction).³

On August 25, 2025, OEB staff filed a submission supporting the confidentiality requests.

The OEB approves the confidentiality requests related to Hydro Ottawa's interrogatory responses.

¹ EB-2024-0115, [Letter to OEB](#), August 18, 2025

² EB-2024-0115, [Letter to OEB](#), August 21, 2025

³ OEB, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

2 CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTS

As part of its interrogatory responses, Hydro Ottawa filed two letters to the OEB dated August 18, 2025 and August 21, 2025 requesting confidential treatment for portions of the following interrogatory responses pursuant to the Practice Direction:⁴

- 2-SEC-40
- 2-Staff-69
- 2-Staff-87
- 2-Staff-122
- 6-Staff-184
- 4.0-VECC-39 part (b)

OEB staff filed a submission on August 25, 2025.⁵ No other submissions were filed with the OEB.

In its submission, OEB staff did not have any concerns with Hydro Ottawa's requests for confidential treatment. OEB staff supported Hydro Ottawa's requests indicating that "at least one of the multiple reasons" provided applied to each proposed redaction.

Findings

The OEB approves Hydro Ottawa's requests for confidentiality for certain interrogatory responses as indicated in its letters dated August 18, 2025 and August 21, 2025. The OEB has considered the Practice Direction, the explanation and rationales provided by Hydro Ottawa and OEB staff's submission.

The OEB agrees with the grouping of requests as suggested by Hydro Ottawa and approves confidential treatment for the following reasons:

2-SEC-40 (A) and (B)

The OEB finds that disclosing the inputs into Copperleaf Technology Inc.'s Predictive Analytics Model and Value Framework Definition Document could harm this third-party consultant's commercial interests by revealing proprietary methodologies.

2-Staff-69 (A) and (B)

The OEB finds that the cost of individual third-party vendor contract services and budgeted components could be used to deduce the vendor's competitive pricing. The OEB notes that the proposed redactions are limited and that Hydro Ottawa publicly

⁴ OEB, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021

⁵ EB-2024-0115, [OEB staff Submission](#), August 25, 2025

discloses total vendor services costs. As noted by Hydro Ottawa, similar information was redacted in previous OEB proceedings.

2-Staff-87 and 2-Staff-122

The OEB finds that disclosing information provided by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) regarding the location of specific assets could be exploited by malicious actors. The OEB finds that disclosure could add unnecessary risk to the safety and security of Hydro One's facilities.

The OEB agrees with Hydro Ottawa that HST numbers and banking information are not relevant to this rates proceeding and shall be treated confidentially.

6-Staff-184 (A)

The OEB finds that the redactions regarding technical uncertainties and information related to Hydro One's cyber security to be sensitive information. The OEB finds that disclosure could add unnecessary risk to the safety and security of Hydro One's facilities.

The OEB finds the remaining redactions, such as registered business numbers, information specific to certain employees and third parties, to be information that is not relevant to this rates proceeding and shall be treated confidentially.

4.0-VECC-39 part (b)

The OEB finds that disclosing the annual insurance premiums paid to the MEARIE Group could prejudice its competitive position in terms of other potential clients.

DATED at Toronto September 9, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar