

EB-2025-0241

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.

Application for Accounting Order

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 9, 2025

On July 31, 2025, Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998. Milton Hydro seeks the OEB's approval to establish a variance account to record the revenue requirement impacts resulting from changes in shared services and corporate cost allocation. If approved, the requested accounting order will establish a variance account to capture the difference between the amount approved in rates in Milton Hydro's last cost of service rate proceeding (2023 COS Proceeding)¹ related to the allocation of shared services and corporate costs and updated amounts resulting from a third-party review of Milton Hydro's shared services and corporate cost allocation methodology.

The application will be heard by Commissioner Patrick Moran.

Milton Hydro requests approval for the following:

- The establishment of a variance account to capture the revenue requirement impacts due to the change in shared services and corporate cost allocation for the years from 2025 to the year immediately preceding the next cost of service year,² at an annual debit amount \$369,851
- Approval to establish the new variance account effective January 1, 2025
- Approval to record carrying charges on the principal amounts recorded in the variance account, based on the OEB prescribed interest rates for deferral and variance accounts for the years from 2025 up to the year immediately preceding Milton Hydro's next cost of service year

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² Milton Hydro's next cost of service rate year is expected to be the 2028 rate year.

In support of its application, Milton Hydro has filed a third-party report evaluating Milton Hydro's cost allocation methodology.

Intervenors and cost eligibility

Intervenors of record in the 2023 COS Proceeding ³ 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 **September 16, 2025**. Any party that was determined to be eligible for costs in the 2023 COS Proceeding 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.

How to See the Application

To access Milton Hydro's application please select the file number **EB-2025-0241** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice

Format of the Hearing

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic, and written. Milton Hydro has requested a written hearing. The OEB intends to proceed with a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing or an electronic hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 16**, **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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u> regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Intervenors of record in the 2023 COS Proceeding that wish to participate in this proceeding shall notify the OEB by letter by **September 16, 2025**. A copy of the letter must be sent to Milton Hydro.
- 2. If intervenors or OEB staff seek information from Milton Hydro that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing, they shall

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request the information through written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **September 23, 2025**.

- 3. Milton Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all other parties by **October 7**, **2025**.
- 4. Any written submissions from OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 21**, **2025**.
- 5. Any written submissions from intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on all other parties by **October 23, 2025**.
- 6. Any written reply submissions from Milton Hydro shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **November 4, 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-2025-0241** 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 documents online page</u> 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 *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by 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, Urooj Iqbal, at Urooj.Iqbal@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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

DATED at Toronto, September 9, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar