



Five Nations Energy Inc.

Application for electricity transmission rates beginning January 1, 2026

DECISION ON ISSUES LIST

September 16, 2025

Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) filed a transmission rates application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on July 9, 2025 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval to change its electricity transmission rates effective January 1, 2026.

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

On August 27, 2025, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 that, among other things, made provision for FNEI and OEB staff to develop a proposed issues list to be filed by OEB staff for the OEB's consideration. Alternatively, OEB staff was to advise the OEB if FNEI and OEB staff were unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list.

OEB staff filed a proposed issues list on September 5, 2025, and confirmed that FNEI agreed with the proposal.

Findings

The OEB has reviewed the proposed issues list and approves it for the purposes of this proceeding (see Schedule A). The OEB may update the Issues List as necessary to further define the scope of the proceeding.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Issues List attached as Schedule A is approved.

DATED at Toronto, **September 16, 2025**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar

SCHEDULE A
ISSUES LIST
FIVE NATIONS ENERGY INC.
EB-2025-0129
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Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI)

A. GENERAL

1. Has Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) responded appropriately to all relevant Ontario Energy Board (OEB) directions from previous proceedings, including but not limited to:

- 1.1 The OEB's directions regarding FNEI's reserve funds?
- 1.2 The OEB's directions regarding FNEI's annual reporting and record keeping requirements and presentation in the current application related to its use of revenues in excess of costs to meet other non-transmission related corporate objects (i.e. funding community projects)?

2. Are all elements of the proposed revenue requirement and their associated total bill impacts reasonable?

3. Is the proposed effective date appropriate?

B. REVENUE REQUIREMENT FRAMEWORK

4. Is FNEI's proposed revenue requirement framework (including, but not limited to, its proposals related to inflation, productivity, and stretch factors, Z-Factor claims and any other mechanisms) appropriate?

5. Is the proposal to mitigate significant earning above the regulatory net income supported by the approved return on equity appropriate?

C. TRANSMISSION SYSTEM PLAN

6. Are the proposed capital expenditures and in-service additions arising from the Transmission System Plan appropriate?

D. PERFORMANCE

7. Is the proposed monitoring and reporting of performance adequate?

E. OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE & ADMINISTRATION COSTS

8. Are the proposed OM&A expenditures appropriate?

9. Is the proposed depreciation expense appropriate?

F. RATE BASE & COST OF CAPITAL, AND REVENUE REQUIREMENT

10. Are the amounts proposed for rate base reasonable?
11. Is the proposed working capital allowance appropriate?
12. Is the proposed cost of capital (interest on long-term and short-term debt, return on equity) and capital structure appropriate?
13. Have the impacts associated with the decommissioning of the DeBeers Victor Mine been appropriately reflected in the proposed revenue requirement?
14. Is the proposed calculation of the revenue requirement appropriate?
15. Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?

G. DEFERRAL/VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

16. Are the proposed deferral accounts appropriate?

H. COST ALLOCATION

17. Are the proposed charge determinants and cost allocation appropriate?

I. OTHER REVENUE

18. Is the proposed forecast for Other Revenue appropriate?