

EB-2025-0014

## Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.

## Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2026

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 3 September 18, 2025

**BEFORE:** Patrick Moran

**Presiding Commissioner** 

**Anthony Zlahtic** Commissioner

Robert Dodds Commissioner

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa PUC Networks) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 30, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (OEB Act), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Oshawa PUC Networks charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026.

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 (PO 1) dated June 13, 2025 and Procedural Order No. 2 (PO 2) dated June 30, 2025, the OEB directed parties to file consolidated interrogatories in relation to the cost of service application by July 10, 2025, and for Oshawa PUC Networks to file its responses by July 30, 2025.

Oshawa PUC Networks filed its interrogatory responses on July 30, 2025.

On August 18, 2025, an intervenor to the proceeding, School Energy Coalition (SEC), filed a motion under Rule 27 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>. In its motion, SEC sought the following:

- An order requiring Oshawa PUC Networks to provide full and adequate responses to the interrogatories listed below.
  - a. Interrogatory 1-SEC/Staff/CCMBC-7(b)
  - b. Interrogatory 1-SEC/Staff/CCC/PP/CCMBC/VECC-9(a), (f), (g) and (h)
  - c. Interrogatory 1-SEC-17
  - d. Interrogatory 1-SEC-26
  - e. Interrogatory 4-SEC-169

- 2. An order suspending the remaining schedule for the proceeding (other than the settlement conference that took place from August 18-20, 2025) as may be affected until the motion is heard and determination is made.
- 3. Such further and other relief as SEC may request and the OEB may grant.

SEC requested that this motion be heard orally.

At this time, the OEB is making provisions for an oral hearing on SEC's requested motion.

Parties are expected to work with the Hearings Advisor to develop a schedule for the hearing on the motion.

The OEB does not find it necessary to suspend the schedule for the proceeding as the only steps to occur prior to the hearing of the motion are the filing of a settlement proposal by September 19, 2025, and OEB staff's submission on that proposal which is due September 26, 2025.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A transcribed oral hearing on the motion will be held on **September 29th, 2025**, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This will be conducted as a virtual event. Further information on how to connect to the proceeding will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

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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.

For all electronic correspondence and materials relating to the cost of service application, parties must include Tyler Davids at <a href="mailto:Tyler.Davids@oeb.ca">Tyler.Davids@oeb.ca</a> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <a href="mailto:Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca">Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca</a>.

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DATED at Toronto, September 18, 2025

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