



## Festival Hydro Inc.

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

## PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 September 24, 2025

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 14, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2026. Festival Hydro also applied for approval of 2026 rate riders to correct Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts previously disposed of on a final basis.

The application will be heard by commissioner: Shahrzad Rahbar.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on September 2, 2025. No persons applied for intervenor status.

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 request any relevant information and documentation from Festival Hydro that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Festival Hydro by **October 2, 2025**.
- 2. Festival Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **October 16, 2025**.
- 3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on Festival Hydro by **October 30, 2025**.
- 4. Any reply submissions by Festival Hydro shall be filed with the OEB by **November 13, 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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>.

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0039** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

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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 <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
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  documents online page of the OEB's website for more information. All
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  all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar 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, Harshleen Kaur, at <a href="mailto:Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca">Harshleen.Kaur@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 24, 2025

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar