

EB-2025-0014

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4 September 25, 2025

BEFORE: Patrick Moran

Presiding Commissioner

Anthony Zlahtic Commissioner

Robert Dodds Commissioner

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. 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, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Oshawa PUC Networks charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026.

In Procedural Order No. 1 (PO1), the OEB approved the parties for this proceeding and set out, among other things, procedural steps for a settlement conference, and the filing of a settlement proposal amongst parties. In PO1, the OEB noted that the settlement proposal should contain a list of any unsettled issues, indicating with reasons whether the parties believe those issues should be dealt with by way of oral or written hearing.¹

On September 22, 2025, Oshawa PUC Networks filed the settlement proposal, which contained a list of unsettled issues. The settlement proposal noted that the parties had not agreed to the form of hearing and that parties would make separate submissions on the form of hearing.

On September 24, 2025, the OEB issued a letter acknowledging receipt of Oshawa PUC Networks' settlement proposal. The letter also extended the deadline for OEB staff to provide its submission on the settlement proposal to September 29, 2025 and

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¹ Procedural Order No. 1 dated June 13, 2025.

cancelled the presentation of the settlement proposal that was originally scheduled in PO1 for September 29, 2025.

In Procedural Order No. 3, the OEB ordered that a transcribed oral hearing on a motion filed by the School Energy Coalition be held on September 29th, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This hearing will remain scheduled.²

The OEB is making provision for submissions from the parties related to the format of the hearing on the unsettled issues. Further Procedural Orders may be issued by the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Parties shall provide written submissions on their preference on the form of hearing pertaining to the unsettled issues with reasons by **October 1, 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.

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² Procedural Order No. 3 dated September 18, 2025.

shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

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.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Tyler Davids at Tyler.Davids@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **September 25, 2025**

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Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar