



Wasaga Distribution Inc.

Application for a Service Area Amendment

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1 October 3, 2025

Wasaga Distribution Inc. (Wasaga Distribution) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 19, 2025, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, to amend its licensed service area¹ to include a property located at 400 45th Street South, in the Town of Wasaga Beach, to its licensed territory.

Wasaga Distribution notes that the property was previously transferred to Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) pursuant to an OEB directive to eliminate long-term load transfers to improve efficiency and fairness of electricity distribution across Ontario. The vacant property will be developed in phases by Primont (Wasaga 2) Inc. and Sterling Group of Companies (collectively, the Customer) into a 660-unit residential subdivision. The application includes a letter from the Customer dated January 30, 2024, confirming its request to have Wasaga Distribution as its electricity distributor and confirming local support from the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Wasaga Distribution says a meeting with Hydro One regarding cost comparison estimates resulted in significant differences in scope assumptions, and that no further progress has been made to advance the Customer's request. Wasaga Distribution also confirms that Hydro One did not provide consent to the Application. As a result, pursuant to section 7.5 of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Service Area Amendment Applications*, Wasaga Distribution included additional information in support of its application.

Wasaga Distribution says there will be no adverse impacts on the service quality or delivery for customers within the proposed amendment area, and as an embedded distributor within Hydro One, Wasaga Distribution will continue to pay upstream delivery charges to Hydro One for any future customers from the development of the subdivision.

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¹ Refer to Schedule 1 of Wasaga Distribution Inc. License (ED-2002-0544)

Requests for Intervenor Status

The OEB will accept Hydro One, the Customer, and the Town of Wasaga Beach as intervenors in this proceeding if they notify the OEB in writing by **October 10, 2025** of their intention to participate.

Any other person that wishes to participate as an intervenor must apply for intervenor status by **October 10, 2025**.

For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to Rule 22 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information contained in your request will be public.

How to See the Application

To access the application please select file number **EB-2025-0254** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice.

Format of the Hearing

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, written and electronic. The OEB intends to proceed by way of 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 **October 10, 2025**.

Hydro One Evidence

Should Hydro One decide to participate in this proceeding, it will be given an opportunity to file evidence. If Hydro One wishes to file evidence, it must file the evidence with the OEB and deliver it to Wasaga Distribution and any intervenors by **October 17, 2025**.

Interrogatories

The OEB is making provision for written interrogatories. Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

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. Any person that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **October 10, 2025**.

- 2. If Hydro One wishes to file evidence, it shall be filed with the OEB and delivered to Wasaga Distribution and all intervenors by **October 17**, **2025**.
- 3. Wasaga Distribution, intervenors and OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Wasaga Distribution or Hydro One that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and delivered to all parties by **October 24, 2025**.
- 4. Wasaga Distribution and Hydro One shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **October 31, 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-2025-0254** 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</u> documents online page 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 <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, Natasha Gocool at Natasha.Gocool@oeb.ca.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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

DATED at Toronto, **October 3, 2025**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray Acting Registrar