



**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Jessy Richard:

**Re: Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (Hearst Power)  
Application for 2026 Distribution Rate  
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0033**

Further to the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) acknowledgment letter dated October 14, 2025, the OEB has completed its preliminary review of your 2026 Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting application.

Certain sections of the evidence supporting the application do not comply with the OEB's Filing Requirements<sup>1</sup> for your application. As a result, the OEB is unable to process Hearst Power's application at this time. The OEB will commence processing the application after the noted information is filed.

The missing information is noted below:

Chapter 3 Filing Requirement Reference	Description
Section 3.3.2 pp. 23	HPDCL 2026 IRM ACM-ICM Workform (Tab 9b – Line 64 Project Description) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bucket Truck listed at a cost of \$650,000 whereas the Manager's Summary notes the cost of the truck as \$510,475</li><li>• Components of the truck should be listed separately:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chassis (Freightliner M2 106 Plus) – Cost of \$127,300 (delivered in early 2025)</li><li>○ Boom and utility body installation (Wajax) –Cost of</li></ul></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> Chapter 3 of the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications*, dated June 19, 2025

Chapter 3 Filing Requirement Reference	Description
	\$383,175 (to be completed in early 2026)
Section 3.3.2 pp. 23	A clarification in the Manager's Summary regarding treatment of the Chassis that was delivered in 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify if the Chassis was used and useful in 2025 and included in the 2025 capital budget or if it is treated a CWIP until the Boom and utility body are installed on the truck.</li> </ul>
Section 3.3.2 pp. 23	HPDCL 2026 IRM ACM-ICM Workform (Tab 3 Growth Factor- NUM_CALC1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Actual distribution demand data inputs do not match 2024 RRR data</li> </ul>
Section 3.2.5 pp. 9	The details below need to be provided in the Manager's Summary regarding the data for Low Voltage Service Rates request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide most recent Low voltage costs charged by the host distributor to the applicant</li> <li>Provide Actual Low Voltage costs for the last five historical years. The distributor must also provide the year-over-year variances and explanations for subsequent changes in the costs over time.</li> <li>Provide support for the updated Low Voltage costs: last actual volumes and host distributor(s) rates applicable to the distributor</li> </ul>

The OEB expects that Hearst Power will file the above listed required information as soon as possible.

Please note, Hearst Power is responsible for ensuring that the documents it files with the OEB, such as its evidence, responses to interrogatories and any other supporting documentation, 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 direct any questions relating to this application to Harshleen Kaur, Advisor at 416-440-8136 or Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Acting Registrar