



Hydro Ottawa Limited

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
October 23, 2025**

Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a custom incentive rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 15, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro Ottawa charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026.

Procedural Order No. 3 issued October 7, 2025, provided for, among other things, OEB staff to file third party expert evidence, written interrogatories on that expert evidence, written responses to interrogatories, and a settlement conference.

Reply Evidence

On October 14, 2025, OEB staff filed a report by Christensen Associates Energy Consulting (Christensen Associates report) on Hydro Ottawa's proposed rate framework.

On October 20, 2025, Hydro Ottawa filed a letter requesting leave to file reply evidence, including expert evidence, in response to the Christensen Associates report and related interrogatory responses. In its letter, Hydro Ottawa proposed filing reply evidence on November 3, 2025.

The OEB approves Hydro Ottawa's request to file reply evidence, including expert evidence, on the Christensen Associates report by November 3, 2025.

Settlement Conference

The settlement conference was scheduled to begin on November 3, 2025, according to Procedural Order No. 3. Hydro Ottawa proposed to delay the start of the settlement conference until November 4 or November 5, 2025, to allow parties to review the reply evidence. Hydro Ottawa further proposed that questions related to the reply evidence could be addressed through settlement clarification questions, and if there is no

settlement reached on the rate framework, parties could then pose questions on the reply evidence as interrogatories.

Accordingly, The OEB is changing the commencement of the settlement conference from November 3, 2025, to November 4, 2025, to allow parties an opportunity to review the reply evidence. The settlement conference will not proceed on November 7, 2025, due to a scheduling and resourcing conflict, and will resume on November 10 and 11, 2025, as necessary. Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the settlement conference, a letter from Hydro Ottawa shall be filed with the OEB with the status of the settlement discussions.

The OEB will determine next steps at a later date if there is no settlement reached on the rate framework, including a discovery process for Hydro Ottawa's reply evidence.

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:

Reply Evidence

1. Hydro Ottawa shall file reply evidence and provide a copy to OEB staff and intervenors by **November 3, 2025**.

Settlement Conference

2. A virtual settlement conference among the parties will be convened on **November 4, 2025** starting at 9:30 a.m. The settlement conference will continue on **November 5, 6, 10 and 11, 2025**, as necessary. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance of the conference.
3. **Within 48 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, Hydro Ottawa shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative agreement had been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.
4. If there is no settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference, Hydro Ottawa shall file a statement to that effect with the OEB by **November 13, 2025**. In that event, parties shall file and serve on the other parties by **November 20, 2025**, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.

5. If there is a settlement, any settlement proposal arising from the settlement conference shall be filed with the OEB on or before **December 2, 2025**. In addition to outlining the terms of any settlement, 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. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **December 9, 2025**.
6. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **December 15, 2025**, starting at 9:30 a.m. for Hydro Ottawa to present to the OEB any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB, confirm, amend, or cancel this date in subsequent correspondence.

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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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, Margaret DeFazio at Margaret.DeFazio@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at Michael.Millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 23, 2025**

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