

Festival Hydro Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2026**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
October 29, 2025**

Festival Hydro Inc. (Festival Hydro) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) 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.

In Procedural Order No. 1, the OEB established the procedural steps in this proceeding up to, and including, Festival Hydro's reply submission. On October 16, 2025, Festival Hydro responded to interrogatories filed by OEB staff. Following its review of Festival Hydro's interrogatory responses, OEB staff filed a letter, dated October 28, 2025, requesting that the OEB allow for further discovery through a second round of interrogatories. Specifically, OEB staff requested to further examine matters regarding the version of the 2024 Rate Generator Model used in Table 9 of Staff-9(a), the treatment of Class A and transition customers in Festival Hydro's 2024 IRM proceeding as noted in Staff-9(b), newly identified reconciling items presented in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform of Staff-11, and the generic cost of capital parameters and related variance accounts.

The OEB has determined that further discovery on the matters identified by OEB staff in its October 28, 2025 letter would be beneficial, and will provide for a second round of interrogatories. This will ensure that there is a complete record which will assist the OEB in its determination of the application. A revised schedule for supplementary interrogatories and submissions is set out below.

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. The procedural deadlines set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Procedural Order No. 1 are cancelled.
2. OEB staff shall request any additional information and documentation from Festival Hydro that is in addition to the evidence already filed, regarding the areas identified in OEB staff's October 28, 2025 letter, by supplementary written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Festival Hydro by **November 4, 2025**.
3. Festival Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **November 11, 2025**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on Festival Hydro by **November 19, 2025**.
5. Any reply submissions by Festival Hydro shall be filed with the OEB by **November 28, 2025**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant 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 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, Harshleen Kaur at Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **October 29, 2025**

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Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar