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Mr. Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Mr. Murray:

**Subject: Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa)
Custom Incentive Rate-Setting (Custom IR) Application for 2026-2030
Electricity Distribution Rates and Charges
OEB File: EB-2024-0115**

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 it charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2026. This letter is to request that Hydro Ottawa's current rates be declared interim as of January 1, 2026, as follows.

In Procedural Order #3 issued October 7, 2025, the OEB indicated it would consider a request to declare Hydro Ottawa's current rates interim as of January 1, 2026, if required.

On November 13, 2025, Hydro Ottawa filed a letter indicating that a tentative substantial partial settlement had been reached following the Settlement Conference. The parties are continuing to work diligently towards finalizing a Settlement Proposal. After filing the Settlement Proposal, it is expected that OEB staff will have an opportunity to file a submission on the Settlement Proposal and that Hydro Ottawa may present the Settlement Proposal. In addition, the OEB will need to establish a schedule and process for hearing the unsettled issues and time to issue its decision thereafter. As such, Hydro Ottawa does not expect it will be able to implement its new rates in time for January 1, 2026.

Hydro Ottawa therefore requests an Order from the OEB declaring Hydro Ottawa's current distribution rates to be interim, effective January 1, 2026. Hydro Ottawa's current distribution rates were approved by the OEB under file EB-2024-0035 and became effective January 1, 2025.

Through recent communications with OEB staff, Hydro Ottawa understands that the Electric Vehicle Charging Rate (EVC Rate) shall take effect whenever a distributor's 2026 rates take effect, and not earlier. Assuming the OEB approves Hydro Ottawa's request for its current rates to be made interim as of January 1, 2026, and that Hydro Ottawa implements its new 2026 rates on a final basis in early 2026 with an effective date of January 1, 2026, it would be Hydro Ottawa's understanding that its customers who sign up and qualify for the EVC Rate would not be able to attain any benefits from that new rate until the implementation date for Hydro Ottawa's new rates and that no such benefits would be retroactive to the effective date. Hydro Ottawa would appreciate the OEB's guidance if it sees otherwise.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,

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