



**Alectra Utilities Corporation**

**Application for electricity distribution rates  
beginning January 1, 2027**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
December 12, 2025**

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 14, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Alectra Utilities charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2027, and for each following year through to December 31, 2031.

The application will be heard by commissioners: Patrick Moran (presiding), David Sword and Shahrzad Rahbar.

On October 28, 2025, the OEB issued a Completeness Letter noting that Alectra Utilities did not file certain business cases required by Section 5.4.2.1 of the OEB's Chapter 5 *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2025 Edition for 2026 Rate Applications*. However, the OEB acknowledged that Alectra Utilities was working to meet the OEB's requirement in this regard and decided to commence its review of Alectra Utilities' application and proceed with its Notice of Hearing.

The OEB directed Alectra Utilities to file the business cases by November 19, 2025 for the OEB to continue processing the application, and Alectra Utilities filed them on November 19, 2025 as Appendix Q of Exhibit 2A.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on October 31, 2025. To date, the OEB has received 83 letters of comment from Alectra Utilities customers. The letters have been placed on the record of this proceeding and are publicly available on the OEB's website. Alectra Utilities is required to address the issues raised in letters of comment by way of a document filed before the close of the record in this proceeding.

The following parties applied for intervenor status:

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO)

- Building Owners and Managers Association Toronto (BOMA Toronto)<sup>1</sup>
- Consumers Council of Canada (CCC)
- Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC)
- Distributed Resources Coalition (DRC)
- Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe)
- Environmental Defence (ED)<sup>2</sup>
- Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One)
- Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA)
- Power Workers' Union (PWU)
- School Energy Coalition (SEC)
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)

AMPCO, BOMA Toronto, CCC, CCMBC, DRC, Energy Probe, ED, OAPPA, SEC, and VECC also applied for cost award eligibility.

Alectra Utilities had no objections to the requests for intervenor status in this proceeding.

All requests for intervenor status are approved. The list of parties to this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

AMPCO, BOMA Toronto, CCC, CCMBC, DRC, Energy Probe, ED, OAPPA, SEC, and VECC are eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

There are twelve intervenors in this proceeding. The OEB will be carefully monitoring intervenor participation for unnecessary duplication and overlap in the production of any evidence, the conduct of discovery and the filing of argument in this proceeding. The OEB will be rigorous in ensuring that intervenors limit their participation to the matters that are within the scope of the proceeding, as set through the final Issues List. The OEB draws the attention of intervenors to sections 5.01 (d), (e) and (f) of the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party. If a party intends to have more than one representative attend an event, the party should file a letter explaining why that is necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Late intervention request received on November 19, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Late intervention request received on November 21, 2025.

The OEB notes that CCMBC and EP have common representation. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether the representatives of CCMBC and EP made reasonable efforts to avoid duplication and double billing. When submitting their cost claims, CCMBC and EP should explain how they coordinated efforts in this proceeding, or if not, why that was not appropriate in their view.

Being eligible to apply for recovery of costs is not a guarantee of recovery of any costs claimed. Cost awards are made by way of OEB order at the end of the proceeding.

### Confidentiality

By letter dated November 24, 2025, Alectra Utilities requested the OEB allow for certain information to be redacted from the public record:

- Information relates to existing security vulnerabilities at specific properties
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Chapter 5
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendices B04, B07, B12, and O
- Cyber security information
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendices B09 and B14
  - Exhibit 4, Tab 2, Schedule 8, Distribution System Plan, Attachment 4-5
- Third party technical material with respect to the Copperleaf optimization tools
  - Exhibit 2A, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Distribution System Plan, Appendix C
- Registered business numbers, names, phone numbers, job titles, qualifications of Alectra Utilities employees, and specifications of charitable donations
  - Exhibit 6, Tab 3, Schedule 1, T2 Corporation Income Tax Return & SR&ED Form

In accordance with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), Alectra Utilities provided reasons for the redactions requested.

Any objection by a party or OEB staff to the confidentiality requests must be submitted in accordance with sections 5.1.6 and 5.1.7 of the *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*. Alectra Utilities may respond to any objections in accordance with section 5.1.8 of the *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*. Parties will be provided access to the confidential documents in accordance with the process outlined in Part 6 of *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*.

## Issues List

OEB staff will canvas parties for any unique issues that warrant addition to the standard [Issues List](#) for electricity distribution rate applications. If parties recommend and agree to revisions, OEB staff will file a revised draft Issues List with the OEB. If there is no agreement on whether the standard Issues List should be revised, OEB staff will advise the OEB in writing. If intervenors and the applicant do not propose any amendments to the standard Issues List, OEB staff will notify the OEB of this fact. The OEB will approve an issues list prior to the filing of interrogatories.

## OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence

On November 19, 2025, OEB staff filed a letter informing the OEB and all participants that it intends to engage consultants to review Alectra Utilities' evidence and possibly prepare evidence on Distribution System Plan and the Custom Incentive Rate-setting Framework including econometric modelling and total cost benchmarking. OEB staff stated that it will file a letter indicating what expert evidence it intends to file in accordance with instructions provided in Procedural Order No. 1.

Any intervenor wishing to file evidence in this proceeding must inform the OEB of its intention and the nature of its proposed evidence, and how it is relevant to the issues list. If any cost eligible intervenor plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding and seek recovery of those costs, the intervenor must file a letter with the OEB describing the nature of the evidence, whether the evidence will be commissioned jointly with other intervenors, and the estimated cost. The estimated cost should include an explanation of any assumptions regarding the purpose and scope of the participation of the expert in the proceeding and should include an estimate of any incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant(s) in relation to the evidence. In addition, if the intervenor's evidence will cover the topics that OEB staff identified in its November 19, 2025 letter, the intervenor must explain how its evidence is different from, or compliments, OEB staff's potential evidence and satisfy the OEB that there is good reason that the OEB should allow the evidence to be filed.

OEB staff and intervenors shall inform the OEB by letter of their plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding by **January 30, 2026**.

After reviewing the above information, the OEB will consider whether and to what extent any costs associated with the participation of any expert(s) or the preparation of any expert report(s) will be eligible for cost recovery in accordance with the OEB's [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

## Interrogatories

At this time, provision is being made for written interrogatories.

Alectra Utilities advised that, given the timing of this application's filing, it was unable to provide certain financial information based on 2025 actual data. Alectra Utilities has estimated that the following information will be available by March 11, 2026:

- 2025 Alectra Utilities Corporation Audited Financial Statements
- 2025 Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Group 1 and Group 2 audited deferral and variance account (DVA) balances ending December 31, 2025 and updated DVA Continuity Schedules
- 2025 Reconciliation between audited financial statements and RRR
- 2025 Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform

Based on the timing and availability of information listed above, the OEB is making provision for two sets of written interrogatories.

The scope of the first set of written interrogatories on Alectra Utilities' evidence will be limited to information and documents filed with the OEB up to the issuance of Procedural Order No. 1. Responses to those interrogatories will be followed by a transcribed technical conference.

The second set of written interrogatories will pertain to the information to be filed by March 11, 2026 as listed above. Responses to those interrogatories will be followed by clarification questions and responses in advance of the settlement conference.

In preparing interrogatories, parties should refer to the OEB's approved Issues List. 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.

Parties should examine the value presented by the proposed investments or expenditures as opposed to focusing only on the costs. Parties should also assess the fit between the applicant's plans and its stated objectives and consider how the plans contribute to positive outcomes for customers, in particular those outcomes that arise from the asset management decisions reflected in the applicant's distribution system plan. The OEB will consider the entire five-year distribution system plan to assess the planning and pacing proposals of the applicant and whether the test year requests are appropriately aligned with the distribution system plan. The OEB will also consider productivity and benchmarking results in assessing cost forecasts, bill impacts and distributor performance.

Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be material. Parties should use the materiality thresholds documented in Chapter 2 of the Filing Requirements as a guide. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

### Technical Conference

The OEB is making provision for a transcribed technical conference. The technical conference content will be based on information contained in the first set of interrogatories.

In preparation for the technical conference, the OEB will require parties to file a description of the specific areas that they will be focusing on and an estimate of time required for each area of focus by **March 2, 2026**. This will allow a technical conference schedule to be developed. If parties wish to file specific questions in advance, they may do so.

The technical conference will start on **March 5, 2026**, and continue until **March 11, 2026**, if necessary. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB by **March 27, 2026**.

### Clarification Questions on the Second Set of Interrogatory Responses

The OEB notes that the technical conference is scheduled to occur prior to the date on which Alectra Utilities will file its responses to the second set of written interrogatories. To address this timing, the OEB is providing an opportunity for OEB staff and intervenors to submit written questions to Alectra Utilities, specifically for the purpose of seeking clarification or additional information related to Alectra Utilities' responses to the second set of interrogatories. OEB staff and intervenors are to submit their questions by **April 15, 2026**. Alectra Utilities shall provide responses to the questions or address any clarifications as appropriate by **April 22, 2026**. The questions and responses will be placed on the record of this proceeding.

### Settlement Conference

The OEB is making provision for a settlement conference to be held from **April 29, 2026 to May 5, 2026**. No later than **May 5, 2026**, a letter from parties shall be filed with the OEB (the settlement progress letter) indicating whether parties believe that a full, partial, or substantial but incomplete settlement is achievable if additional time is granted.

The OEB panel will evaluate whether there is value in the settlement conference continuing based on the settlement progress letter. If there is the prospect of a full, partial, or substantial but incomplete settlement, the OEB panel may provide for the settlement conference to continue beyond the dates scheduled in this procedural order. The OEB is asking all parties to hold **May 6, 2026 to May 8, 2026**, in the event additional time is required. However, if parties do not believe that a full, partial, or substantial but incomplete settlement is likely, the OEB may end the settlement conference and proceed to an oral hearing or to submissions.

### **Format of the Hearing**

In its Notice of Hearing, the OEB invited parties to state their preference for the format of the hearing. Alectra Utilities requested an oral hearing. ED requested an opportunity to seek an oral hearing and/or a technical conference if the interrogatory responses uncover issues requiring further exploration, while other parties did not express a preference for the type of hearing. The OEB will make its determination on the format of the hearing at a later date.

### **Illustrative Schedule**

The OEB has attached illustrative hearing schedules for the proceeding in Schedule B. Depending on the substance of the settlement progress letter filed by parties or the outcome of the settlement conference (i.e., full settlement, substantial but incomplete settlement, or a letter advising that there is little prospect of a substantial settlement), Schedule B shows illustrative impacts to the remainder of the hearing schedule. There are other scenarios that may occur in this proceeding (e.g., the settlement progress letter advises that a substantial settlement is achievable and additional time is granted by the OEB, but in the end no, or a very limited, settlement is reached). Therefore, the procedural steps after the start of the settlement conference should be viewed as illustrative only.

This Procedural Order provides procedural steps to the end of the settlement conference as currently scheduled. The OEB will provide next steps after reviewing the settlement progress letter.

The OEB notes that the precise dates, or need, for an oral hearing will not be known until after the conclusion of the settlement conference. However, if an oral hearing is required, it will likely be held in late May 2026 or June 2026. The OEB expects Alectra Utilities and intervenors to plan accordingly.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

### Issues List

1. OEB staff shall file a proposed issues list, or, alternatively, shall advise the OEB in writing that the parties and OEB staff have been unable to reach an agreement on a draft issues list by **January 13, 2026**.

### Confidentiality

2. OEB staff and intervenors who wish to make written submissions on Alectra Utilities' confidentiality requests shall file such submissions with the OEB, and serve them on all parties, by **December 19, 2025**.
3. If Alectra Utilities wishes to respond to any of the submissions, the reply submission shall be filed with the OEB and served on all intervenors by **January 9, 2026**.

### Updated Evidence

4. Alectra Utilities shall file the following actual information on or before **March 11, 2026**:
  - 2025 Alectra Utilities Corporation Audited Financial Statements
  - 2025 Management's Discussion and Analysis
  - Group 1 and Group 2 audited deferral and variance account (DVA) balances ending December 31, 2025 and updated DVA Continuity Schedules
  - 2025 Reconciliation between audited financial statements and RRR
  - 2025 Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform

If Alectra Utilities is unable to meet the deadline noted above, it shall notify the OEB of the delay by submitting a letter that explains why additional time is required.

### Interrogatories

5. First set of written interrogatories - OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Alectra Utilities on information and documents filed with the OEB up to the issuance of Procedural Order No. 1, by



written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **January 22, 2026**.

6. Alectra Utilities shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the first set of interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **February 20, 2026**.
7. Second set of written interrogatories - OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation related to the Alectra Utilities material being filed by March 11, 2026, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 25, 2026**.
8. Alectra Utilities shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the second set of interrogatories and serve them on all intervenors by **April 8, 2026**.

### Technical Conference

9. A transcribed technical conference will be held on **March 5, 2026**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the technical conference will continue to **March 6, 9, 10, and 11, 2026**. OEB staff and intervenors shall file with the OEB, and provide to Alectra Utilities, a description of the specific areas they will focus on at the technical conference, and time estimates by **March 2, 2026**. Further information on how to participate in the event will be communicated to parties closer to the date.
10. Responses to undertakings from the technical conference shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all intervenors by **March 27, 2026**.

### OEB Staff and Intervenor Evidence

11. OEB staff and intervenors shall inform the OEB by letter of their plans to file expert evidence in this proceeding by **January 30, 2026**. The letters shall provide a description of the nature of the evidence, whether the expert evidence will be commissioned jointly with other parties, and cost eligible intervenors shall also provide the estimated cost. The estimated cost should include an explanation of any assumptions regarding the purpose and scope of the participation of the expert in the proceeding and should include an estimate of any incremental time that will be spent by the intervenor's counsel or any other consultant in relation to the expert evidence.
12. If OEB staff or any intervenor is filing expert evidence that is relevant to this proceeding, that evidence shall be filed with the OEB, and copied to Alectra Utilities and intervenors, by **April 10, 2026**.

13. If any party seeks information and material with respect to any evidence filed by OEB staff or any intervenor that is in addition to the evidence filed with the OEB, and that is relevant to this proceeding, that information shall be requested by written interrogatories filed with the OEB, and copied to Alectra Utilities and intervenors, by **April 17, 2026**.
14. OEB staff or intervenors that receive interrogatories on their evidence shall file with the OEB complete responses to the interrogatories and copy the responses to Alectra Utilities and intervenors by **April 24, 2026**.

### Clarification Questions on the Second Set of Interrogatory Responses

15. OEB staff and intervenors seeking further clarification or additional information on the responses from Alectra Utilities to interrogatories on the evidence expected to be filed by March 11, 2026 shall submit questions by **April 15, 2026**.
16. Alectra Utilities shall provide responses to the clarification questions by **April 22, 2026**.

### Settlement Conference

17. A settlement conference among parties will be convened on **April 29, 2026**, starting at 9:30 a.m. If necessary, the settlement conference will continue to **May 5, 2026**. Further information on how to participate will be communicated to parties closer to the date. The OEB is asking all parties to hold **May 6, 2026 to May 8, 2026**, in the event additional time is required.
18. No later than **May 5, 2026**, parties shall file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative agreement has been reached or if parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.

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-2025-0252** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- 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 [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File 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 [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below 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, Narisa Jotiban at [Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca](mailto:Narisa.Jotiban@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel, Raman Dhillon at [Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca](mailto:Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 12, 2025**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray**

Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
**LIST OF APPLICANTS AND PARTIES**  
**ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**  
**EB-2025-0252**  
**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2025**

**Alectra Utilities Corporation  
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**SCHEDULE B**  
**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE SCHEDULE**  
**ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION**  
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## Illustrative Hearing Schedule - Scenario 1

A substantial settlement occurs.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Application filed	Tuesday, October 14, 2025	-14
OEB Issues Acknowledgement Letter	Wednesday, October 15, 2025	-10
OEB Issues Completeness Letter	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	0
OEB Issues Notice of Hearing	Friday, October 31, 2025	3
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	8
Interventions close	Monday, November 17, 2025	20
OEB issues Procedural Order No. 1	Friday, December 12, 2025	45
OEB Staff and Intervenors file submissions on confidentiality, if any	Friday, December 19, 2025	52
<i>Holiday Break (December 20, 2025 to January 4, 2026)</i>		
Applicant files reply submissions on confidentiality	Friday, January 9, 2026	57
OEB Staff files proposed Issues List	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	61
OEB staff and intervenors file the first set of interrogatories	Thursday, January 22, 2026	70
OEB staff and intervenor file letters on intention to submit Expert Evidence	Friday, January 30, 2026	78
Applicant files responses to the first set of interrogatories	Friday, February 20, 2026	99
OEB staff and intervenors file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, March 2, 2026	109
Technical Conference begins	Thursday, March 5, 2026	112
Technical Conference ends (5 days)	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
Applicant files the 2025 actual information as directed in Procedural No. 1	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
<i>March Break (March 16 to March 20, 2026)</i>		
OEB staff and intervenors file the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	132
Applicant files undertaking responses related to the Technical Conference	Friday, March 27, 2026	134
Applicant files responses to the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, April 8, 2026	146
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence (if any)	Friday, April 10, 2026	148
OEB staff and intervenors file clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	153
Interrogatories on OEB staff/intervenor expert evidence	Friday, April 17, 2026	155
Applicant files responses to the clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	160
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on expert evidence filed	Friday, April 24, 2026	162
Settlement Conference begins	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	167
Settlement progress letter filed	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	173
Potential additional settlement days begin	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	174
Potential additional settlement days end	Friday, May 8, 2026	176
Settlement proposal filed (SUBSTANTIAL Settlement)	Tuesday, May 26, 2026	194
OEB staff submission on Settlement Proposal filed	Friday, June 5, 2026	204
Presentation of settlement agreement & oral hearing on unsettled issues begins (1 week)	Monday, June 15, 2026	214
Oral Hearing ends	Friday, June 19, 2026	218
Undertakings from oral hearing filed	Friday, June 26, 2026	225
Argument-in-chief filed	Thursday, July 2, 2026	230
OEB staff and intervenor submissions filed	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	250
Reply argument filed	Wednesday, August 5, 2026	265

## Illustrative Hearing Schedule - Scenario 2

No settlement is reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Application filed	Tuesday, October 14, 2025	-14
OEB Issues Acknowledgement Letter	Wednesday, October 15, 2025	-10
OEB Issues Completeness Letter	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	0
OEB Issues Notice of Hearing	Friday, October 31, 2025	3
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	8
Interventions close	Monday, November 17, 2025	20
OEB issues Procedural Order No. 1	Friday, December 12, 2025	45
OEB Staff and Intervenors file submissions on confidentiality, if any	Friday, December 19, 2025	52
<i>Holiday Break (December 20, 2025 to January 4, 2026)</i>		
Applicant files reply submissions on confidentiality	Friday, January 9, 2026	57
OEB Staff files proposed Issues List	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	61
OEB staff and intervenors file the first set of interrogatories	Thursday, January 22, 2026	70
OEB staff and intervenor file letters on intention to submit Expert Evidence	Friday, January 30, 2026	78
Applicant files responses to the first set of interrogatories	Friday, February 20, 2026	99
OEB staff and intervenors file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, March 2, 2026	109
Technical Conference begins	Thursday, March 5, 2026	112
Technical Conference ends (5 days)	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
Applicant files the 2025 actual information as directed in Procedural No. 1	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
<i>March Break (March 16 to March 20, 2026)</i>		
OEB staff and intervenors file the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	132
Applicant files undertaking responses related to the Technical Conference	Friday, March 27, 2026	134
Applicant files responses to the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, April 8, 2026	146
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence (if any)	Friday, April 10, 2026	148
OEB staff and intervenors file clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	153
Interrogatories on OEB staff/intervenor expert evidence	Friday, April 17, 2026	155
Applicant files responses to the clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	160
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on expert evidence filed	Friday, April 24, 2026	162
Settlement Conference begins	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	167
Letter reporting no settlement filed	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	173
Oral hearing on ALL Issues begins (3.5 weeks)	Monday, May 25, 2026	193
Oral hearing ends	Thursday, June 18, 2026	217
Undertakings from oral hearing filed	Thursday, June 25, 2026	224
Argument-in-chief filed	Thursday, July 2, 2026	230
OEB staff and intervenor submissions filed	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	250
Reply argument filed	Wednesday, August 5, 2026	265

### Illustrative Hearing Schedule - Scenario 3

A partial settlement is reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Application filed	Tuesday, October 14, 2025	-14
OEB Issues Acknowledgement Letter	Wednesday, October 15, 2025	-10
OEB Issues Completeness Letter	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	0
OEB Issues Notice of Hearing	Friday, October 31, 2025	3
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	8
Interventions close	Monday, November 17, 2025	20
OEB issues Procedural Order No. 1	Friday, December 12, 2025	45
OEB Staff and Intervenor file submissions on confidentiality, if any	Friday, December 19, 2025	52
<i>Holiday Break (December 20, 2025 to January 4, 2026)</i>		
Applicant files reply submissions on confidentiality	Friday, January 9, 2026	57
OEB Staff files proposed Issues List	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	61
OEB staff and intervenors file the first set of interrogatories	Thursday, January 22, 2026	70
OEB staff and intervenor file letters on intention to submit Expert Evidence	Friday, January 30, 2026	78
Applicant files responses to the first set of interrogatories	Friday, February 20, 2026	99
OEB staff and intervenors file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, March 2, 2026	109
Technical Conference begins	Thursday, March 5, 2026	112
Technical Conference ends (5 days)	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
Applicant files the 2025 actual information as directed in Procedural No. 1	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
<i>March Break (March 16 to March 20, 2026)</i>		
OEB staff and intervenors file the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	132
Applicant files undertaking responses related to the Technical Conference	Friday, March 27, 2026	134
Applicant files responses to the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, April 8, 2026	146
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence (if any)	Friday, April 10, 2026	148
OEB staff and intervenors file clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	153
Interrogatories on OEB staff/intervenor expert evidence	Friday, April 17, 2026	155
Applicant files responses to the clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	160
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on expert evidence filed	Friday, April 24, 2026	162
Settlement Conference begins	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	167
Settlement progress letter filed	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	173
Potential additional settlement days begin	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	174
Potential additional settlement days end	Friday, May 8, 2026	176
Settlement proposal filed (PARTIAL Settlement)	Thursday, May 21, 2026	189
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Thursday, May 28, 2026	196
Presentation of settlement agreement & oral hearing on unsettled issues begins (2 weeks)	Monday, June 8, 2026	207
Oral hearing ends/decision on settlement agreement	Monday, June 22, 2026	221
Undertakings from oral hearing filed	Monday, June 29, 2026	228
Argument-in-chief filed	Thursday, July 2, 2026	230
OEB staff and intervenor submissions filed	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	250
Reply argument filed	Wednesday, August 5, 2026	265

#### Illustrative Hearing Schedule - Scenario 4

A full settlement is reached.

	Calendar Date	Calendar Days Elapsed
Application filed	Tuesday, October 14, 2025	-14
OEB Issues Acknowledgement Letter	Wednesday, October 15, 2025	-10
OEB Issues Completeness Letter	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	0
OEB Issues Notice of Hearing	Friday, October 31, 2025	3
Affidavits of Service received	Wednesday, November 5, 2025	8
Interventions close	Monday, November 17, 2025	20
OEB issues Procedural Order No. 1	Friday, December 12, 2025	45
OEB Staff and Intervenors file submissions on confidentiality, if any	Friday, December 19, 2025	52
<i>Holiday Break (December 20, 2025 to January 4, 2026)</i>		
Applicant files reply submissions on confidentiality	Friday, January 9, 2026	57
OEB Staff files proposed Issues List	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	61
OEB staff and intervenors file the first set of interrogatories	Thursday, January 22, 2026	70
OEB staff and intervenor file letters on intention to submit Expert Evidence	Friday, January 30, 2026	78
Applicant files responses to the first set of interrogatories	Friday, February 20, 2026	99
OEB staff and intervenors file topic areas and time estimates for Technical Conference	Monday, March 2, 2026	109
Technical Conference begins	Thursday, March 5, 2026	112
Technical Conference ends (5 days)	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
Applicant files the 2025 actual information as directed in Procedural No. 1	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	118
<i>March Break (March 16 to March 20, 2026)</i>		
OEB staff and intervenors file the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	132
Applicant files undertaking responses related to the Technical Conference	Friday, March 27, 2026	134
Applicant files responses to the second set of interrogatories	Wednesday, April 8, 2026	146
OEB staff and intervenors file expert evidence (if any)	Friday, April 10, 2026	148
OEB staff and intervenors file clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 15, 2026	153
Interrogatories on OEB staff/intervenor expert evidence	Friday, April 17, 2026	155
Applicant files responses to the clarification questions on the second set of interrogatory responses	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	160
OEB staff and intervenor responses to interrogatories on expert evidence filed	Friday, April 24, 2026	162
Settlement Conference begins	Wednesday, April 29, 2026	167
Settlement progress letter filed	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	173
Potential additional settlement days begin	Wednesday, May 6, 2026	174
Potential additional settlement days end	Friday, May 8, 2026	176
Settlement proposal filed (FULL settlement)	Tuesday, May 26, 2026	194
OEB staff submission on settlement proposal filed	Friday, June 5, 2026	204