



**Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges effective May 1, 2026**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
December 18, 2025**

Hearst Power Distribution Company Ltd. (Hearst Power) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 9, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2026. Hearst Power states that its 2024 earnings were in excess of the threshold set by the OEB. The OEB will review Hearst Power's request for an increase in the context of its reported over earnings and approval of an Incremental Capital Module for costs associated with the replacement of a digger derrick truck to support day-to-day and emergency operations.

The application will be heard by commissioner: Allison Duff.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on November 19, 2025. No persons applied for intervenor status.

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. OEB staff shall request any relevant information and documentation from Hearst Power that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Hearst Power, by **January 14, 2026**.
2. Hearst Power shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **January 28, 2026**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on Hearst Power by **February 20, 2026**.
4. Any reply submissions by Hearst Power shall be filed with the OEB by **March 6, 2026**.

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-2025-0033** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

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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, Harshleen Kaur, Advisor at 416-440-8136 or [Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca](mailto:Harshleen.Kaur@oeb.ca).

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**DATED** at Toronto, **December 18, 2025**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray**

Ritchie Murray  
Acting Registrar