



Hydro Ottawa Limited

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

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 6 December 30, 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. 4 issued October 23, 2025, provided for, among other things, a settlement conference, submission of any settlement proposal, OEB staff submission on any settlement proposal and a tentative date for presentation of any settlement proposal to the OEB.

A settlement conference was convened between Hydro Ottawa and intervenors on November 4, 2025, to November 13, 2025. On November 13, 2025, Hydro Ottawa filed a letter advising that a tentative substantial partial settlement had been reached. OEB staff attended the settlement conference but is not a party to the settlement proposal.

Procedural Order No. 5 issued December 3, 2025, established interim rates for Hydro Ottawa as of January 1, 2026, and provided an extension to the date for filing a settlement proposal, a tentative date for presentation of a settlement proposal, among other items. The settlement proposal was filed by Hydro Ottawa on December 19, 2025.

Settlement Proposal Presentation

The settlement proposal reflects a partial settlement agreed to by the parties in the proceeding, except Enbridge Gas who was approved as an intervenor but did not participate in the settlement conference. Three matters remain unsettled, which results in two unsettled issues and eight partially settled issues.

The OEB is confirming the date of January 14, 2026, for a presentation of the settlement proposal and for a summary of any unsettled issues. The presentation should not exceed 15 minutes, with more time allotted for OEB panel questions.

In particular, the OEB panel will seek clarification related to:

- years 2-5 capital-related funding formula and revenue requirement,
- the Growth-Related Capital Variance Account,
- evidence to be filed with annual update applications, and
- any issues raised in OEB staff's submission on the settlement proposal.

The OEB asks Hydro Ottawa to file summary materials (such as a slide deck summarizing the settlement proposal) relating to this presentation day in advance, and that Hydro Ottawa's staff be available on the presentation day for questions from the OEB panel regarding those materials. It is the OEB's expectation that these materials will be filed as evidence related to the settlement proposal. Parties to the settlement proposal may attend the presentation day, which will proceed in an in-person format.

Hearing on Unsettled Issues

In the settlement proposal, the parties provided a proposal on what unsettled issues should be held through written hearing and which unsettled issues should be heard through an oral hearing. After reviewing the settlement proposal, the OEB agrees with the parties regarding the proposed form of hearing. The OEB will hold an oral hearing on the unsettled matters of 2026 OM&A and the Net Metering Charge. The unsettled matter of the proposed Shared Savings Mechanism incentive for Non-Wires Customer Solutions Program will be heard through a written hearing.

Parties are expected to work with the Hearings Advisor to develop a hearing schedule for the oral hearing.

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. Hydro Ottawa shall file with the OEB and serve on all parties the summary material to be used at the presentation by **January 12, 2026**.
2. A transcribed, in-person Settlement Proposal presentation, as described above, will be held on **January 14, 2026**, starting at 9:30 am in the 25th floor North Hearing Room at the OEB office. The OEB's expectation is that all Hydro Ottawa representatives will appear in-person. If there is some reason that a representative cannot appear in-person, Hydro Ottawa may request permission from the panel for the representative to appear virtually.

3. The OEB is scheduling a transcribed oral hearing on unsettled issues for **January 14, 2026**, starting after the conclusion of the Settlement Proposal presentation, through **January 16, 2026**. This event will be conducted by way of an in-person hearing. The OEB's expectation is that all Hydro Ottawa witnesses and any intervenor representatives wishing to attend will appear in-person. If there is some reason that an individual cannot appear in-person, Hydro Ottawa and intervenors may request permission from the OEB panel for the individual to appear virtually. Further details on the hearing will be communicated to parties closer to the date.

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, **December 30, 2025**

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