



Hydro Ottawa Limited

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 7
January 20, 2026**

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.

A settlement conference was convened between Hydro Ottawa and intervenors on November 4, 2025, to November 13, 2025. The settlement proposal, reflecting a substantial partial settlement agreed to by the parties in the proceeding, was filed by Hydro Ottawa on December 19, 2025.

Procedural Order No. 6 issued December 30, 2025, provided for, among other things, 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.

Hydro Ottawa filed summary materials related to the presentation of the settlement proposal and the unsettled issues on January 12, 2026. Hydro Ottawa presented the settlement proposal and a summary of the unsettled issues on issues on January 14, 2026. The Panel provided an oral decision approving the settlement proposal and noted that the OEB anticipates issuing a further written decision on all issues.

The oral hearing on unsettled issues was convened on January 14, 2026, and concluded January 16, 2026.

At the conclusion of the oral hearing, there was discussion between all parties regarding schedule and next steps. Some intervenors indicated that they would prefer time to review OEB staff's submission on the Shared Savings Mechanism, or OEB staff's submission in its entirety, prior to drafting their submission.

The OEB has determined that OEB staff will file its submission on all unsettled issues on February 18, 2026.

Intervenors shall file any submissions on February 25, 2026.

Hydro Ottawa shall file its reply submission on March 23, 2026.

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. Responses to undertakings from the oral hearing shall be filed with the OEB and sent to all intervenors by **January 26, 2026**.
2. Hydro Ottawa shall file its argument-in-chief on the unsettled issues with the OEB and serve on all parties by **February 2, 2026**.
3. Any written submission by OEB staff on the unsettled issues shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **February 18, 2026**.
4. Any submissions from intervenors related to the unsettled issues shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **February 25, 2026**.
5. Any reply submission from Hydro Ottawa shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **March 23, 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](#).

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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, **January 20, 2026**

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