



Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.

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

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
February 10, 2026**

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. (Hydro Hawkesbury) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on August 14, 2025, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2026.

On August 28, 2026 the OEB issued a letter to Hydro Hawkesbury noting that an employee of the OEB, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the OEB Act, would make a decision on the application without holding a hearing. The letter also included preliminary steps and timelines required for Hydro Hawkesbury to complete prior to the OEB issuing a final decision and rate order.

On October 3, 2025, OEB staff issued a series of questions to Hydro Hawkesbury. On October 16, 2025 the OEB received Hydro Hawkesbury's responses to OEB staff questions. Part of Hydro Hawkesbury's responses included a request to dispose of the balances in a Group 2 Cost of Capital Variance Account over a one-year period through a rate rider. This request was not part of Hydro Hawkesbury's original application. Based on this new information filed by Hydro Hawkesbury, and as provided under section 11 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the OEB has determined that the application will be heard by a panel of Commissioners. At this time, a panel of commissioners to hear the Application has not yet been assigned. The OEB will provide an update identifying the panel of commissioners hearing this matter at a later date.

On December 18, 2025, the OEB issued an Interim Rate Order that declared Hydro Hawkesbury's rates interim as of January 1, 2026.

A Notice of Hearing was issued on January 23, 2026. No person 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 Hydro Hawkesbury that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on Hydro Hawkesbury by **February 11, 2026**.
2. Hydro Hawkesbury shall file with the OEB complete written responses to the interrogatories by **February 19, 2026**.
3. Any written submissions by OEB staff shall be filed with the OEB and served on Hydro Hawkesbury by **March 3, 2026**.
4. Any reply submissions by Hydro Hawkesbury shall be filed with the OEB by **March 13, 2026**.

Direction for preparing materials

- 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](#).
- Filings should clearly state the filing date and the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Other than for applications or as otherwise required or directed by the OEB, parties are not required to submit a cover letter for materials that are self-evident (e.g., interrogatories, submissions) unless the cover letter includes a request or additional information not included in the materials themselves.
- Parties are strongly encouraged to use bookmarks in their filings to aid in navigation.
- Parties should not append to their evidence entire OEB documents (e.g., decisions, policy documents, guidelines). Rather, parties should provide citations to the documents and a clear and concise summary of the relevant part(s) of the document. Parties are encouraged to use hyperlinks for complete, permanent, and publicly available versions of the documents, when possible.
- Parties should refrain from quoting material from documents unless it is essential to support their interrogatories or arguments.

- Parties are not required to provide a summary of the procedural history of a proceeding but may refer to that history where and to the extent needed for context to orient an issue or discussion.
- Parties must: (a) disclose where generative artificial intelligence was used to generate content included in a filing and (b) confirm that the accuracy of the portion of the filing generated by generative artificial intelligence has been verified by the party or its representative without the assistance of generative artificial intelligence.

How to file documents with the OEB

- Parties are required to quote file number, **EB-2025-0031** for all materials filed and submit them in **searchable/unrestricted PDF format** (i.e., no printing or copying restrictions) with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).
- Parties should 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 for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Parties are encouraged to visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. Parties that are eligible for a cost award and that do not currently have an account in the cost claim portal should create an account as soon as their cost award eligibility has been confirmed by the OEB. All parties shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim for the purposes of service on the party(ies) paying cost awards as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).
- 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, Cecilia Wang, at Cecilia.Wang@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **February 10, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Ritchie Murray

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar