



Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited

**Application for a proposed Non-Wires Solutions (NWS) Incentive
Mechanism effective May 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
June 22, 2026**

Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Toronto Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 10, 2026, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and section 11 of the Distribution System Code seeking approval of a proposed Non-Wires Solutions (“NWS”) Incentive Mechanism and the associated deferral account effective May 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029.

On June 8, 2026, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, which, among other things, identified several preliminary questions for Toronto Hydro to assist in clarifying the application and to better understand its implications as the OEB determines how to proceed. On June 15, 2026, Toronto Hydro filed a letter in response to the preliminary questions identified in Procedural Order No. 1. With Toronto Hydro’s responses added to the evidentiary record, the OEB is now establishing the next procedural steps in this case.

Interrogatories and Submissions

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

In preparing interrogatories, 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 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.

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 and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from Toronto Hydro that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **July 17, 2026**.
2. Toronto Hydro shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on OEB staff and all intervenors by **August 6, 2026**.
3. Toronto Hydro shall file a written argument-in-chief with the OEB and serve it on all intervenors and OEB staff by **August 18, 2026**.
4. Any written submission by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on Toronto Hydro and intervenors by **August 28, 2026**.
5. Toronto Hydro shall file a written reply submission with the OEB and serve it on intervenors and OEB staff by **September 17, 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 (i.e., **EB-2026-0129**) 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, Stephanie Cheng, at 416-544-5165 or stephanie.cheng@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **June 22, 2026**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Registrar