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June 24, 2026

Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa Power)
Application for 2026 Electricity Distribution Rates
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0014

Please find attached OEB staff's comments on the draft rate order in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to the OEB's Decision and Order. Oshawa Power and all intervenors have been copied on this filing.

Yours truly,

Tyler Davids
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Tyler Davids
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cc: All parties in EB-2025-0014

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OEB Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.

Application for 2026 Electricity Distribution Rates

EB-2025-0014

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Introduction

Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. (Oshawa Power) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Oshawa Power charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2026.

The OEB issued its Decision and Order[1] on May 28, 2026 (Decision), in which it made provision for Oshawa Power to file a draft rate order (DRO) and for intervenors and OEB staff to comment on the DRO.

Oshawa Power filed its DRO on June 17, 2026.

OEB staff has reviewed the DRO and has confirmed that Oshawa Power has implemented the OEB's direction set out in the Decision, subject to the changes and corrections discussed further in this submission.

Based on the corrections described later in this submission to be confirmed by Oshawa Power, the total bill impact for a typical residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh, would be an increase of approximately $3.81 per month (2.5%) before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

[1] EB-2025-0014, Decision and Order, May 28, 2026

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff makes the following submissions:

Depreciation Expense

The depreciation expense in the Revenue Requirement Workform (RRWF) is $8,910,550, while in the Chapter 2 Appendices, Tab 2-BA, the expense is $8,975,875. The depreciation expense in the Chapter 2 Appendices, Tab 2-BA includes $65,325 from the asset retirement obligation. OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power remove this amount from the Chapter 2 Appendices in accordance with the OEB's Decision.

Distribution Rates

The sentinel lighting rate class volumetric distribution rate is calculated as $13.0340/kW in the RRWF. In the Bill Impact and Tariff Model, the rate is noted as $13.0341/kW. OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power reconciles the two rates.

Deferral and Variance Accounts (DVA)

In the DVA Continuity Schedule, Tab 4, the distribution revenues (Column I) should be those used to derive the service charges (RRWF, Tab 13, Column O + Y) (see note 5). OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power update the distribution revenues in column I. OEB staff notes that this change should not impact DVA rate riders.

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB staff submits that there are three corrections or updates required on Oshawa Power's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

1. Effective and Implementation Date

Oshawa Power's Tariff of Rates and Charges notes an effective date of July 1, 2026, and an implementation date of January 1, 2026. OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power change the effective date to January 1, 2026 in accordance with the OEB's Decision, with an implementation date of July 1, 2026. The formatting of this line should match that of Hydro Ottawa Limited's Tariff of Rates and Charges.[2]

2. Retail Transmission Rate – EV Charging

Retail Transmission Rate – EV Charging rates should include the note below. OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power add the note at the bottom of its Tariff of Rates and Charges for the General Service 50 to 999 kW Service Classification and the General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW Service Classification. See Hydro Ottawa Limited's Tariff of

[2] EB-2024-0115, Hydro Ottawa Limited Decision and Rate Order, June 4, 2026

Rates and Charges as an example.[3]

> In accordance with the OEB's March 31, 2025 report, Electric Vehicle Charging Rate Overview - Final Report, Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. will provide eligible customers with the option to elect to be charged Retail Transmission Service Rates on the basis of the Electric Vehicle Charging Rate, subject to the standard terms and conditions set out in Appendix A of the report.

3. Rate Rider Year

OEB staff notes that rate riders should contain the year of creation in the Tariff of Rates and Charges. For example, "Rate Rider for Group 1 Deferral/Variance Account Balances (excluding Global Adj.) (2026) – effective until June 30, 2027." OEB staff requests that Oshawa Power add the year to each of its rate riders.

Draft Accounting Order

Oshawa Power provided a revised Draft Accounting Order for Account 1508 – Other Regulatory Assets, Sub-account Oshawa Power New Facility OM&A Cost Variance Account (OPNFOCVA). OEB staff submits that the Draft Accounting Order aligns with the OEB's findings in its Decision.

Forgone Revenue

Oshawa Power has proposed a disposition period for forgone revenue from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. OEB staff submits that the disposition period is appropriate and aligns with the completion of Oshawa Power's current rate period.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~

[3] EB-2024-0115, Hydro Ottawa Limited Decision and Rate Order, June 4, 2026, Schedule A, pp. 4 and 6