



Ontario
Energy
Board | Commission
de l'énergie
de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2026-0192

HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.

Application for the extension of an interim distribution licence issued in relation to distribution assets serving the Cat Lake community and amendment to licence ED-2006-0181.

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Ceiran Bishop
Director
Performance Analytics and Compliance

July 30, 2026

DECISION AND ORDER

1. Introduction

This is a Decision and Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on an application filed on July 10, 2026, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) (Application) seeking extension of the term of interim electricity distribution licence ED-2006-0181, which is set to expire on July 31, 2026.

This Decision and Order is being issued under delegated authority without a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act. The OEB amends the interim electricity distribution licence ED-2006-0181 to extend the term of the licence until January 31, 2027.

2. Background

Hydro One holds an interim licence issued by the OEB under section 59(2) of the OEB Act under which Hydro One has possession and control over the distribution assets that serve the Cat Lake community, specifically the deemed distribution assets owned by Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd. (Cat Lake Power) and the distribution assets in the Cat Lake community owned by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation. The interim licence was first issued by the OEB on July 21, 2006 (proceeding EB-2006-0180), and its term has since been amended and extended as described in Appendix 1.

3. Application

Hydro One requested that the OEB extend the term of its interim licence, ED-2006-0181. Hydro One provided the OEB with a written update on the status of its operations under the interim licence. Hydro One continues to manage issues associated with its operations including replacement of metering and other equipment.

Hydro One reported that it and Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (HORCI) are continuing to work with the Cat Lake community and other stakeholders on various transfer issues. Hydro One will update the OEB on the progress of this work.

4. Decision

The OEB is satisfied that Hydro One's management and operation of the distribution assets supplying the Cat Lake community and the associated businesses will help ensure the continued reliability of supply to consumers in that community.

The OEB finds it necessary and in the public interest to extend the term of Hydro One's interim licence to ensure the continuity of reliable electricity supply to consumers in the community of Cat Lake.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The term of interim electricity distribution licence ED-2006-0181 is extended to January 31, 2027. The interim electricity distribution licence set out in Appendix 1 is effective as of July 30, 2026.
2. Hydro One Networks Inc. is to continue to remain in possession and control of the deemed distribution assets owned by Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd. and the distribution assets in the Cat Lake community that are owned by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation and continue to comply with the provisions of the interim licence set out in Appendix 1.
3. Hydro One Networks Inc. is to continue collecting revenue from the customers in the Cat Lake community based on the applicable rates.
4. Hydro One Networks Inc. is to continue keeping track of revenues from the customers in the Cat Lake community and of the costs of operation and maintenance of the distribution assets in a deferral account (under the Uniform System of Accounts). Such account will be reviewed in a future rate proceeding. The OEB will determine at that point the cost responsibility in the event of a shortfall and the mechanism for that shortfall recovery.
5. Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd. is to continue surrendering possession and control of the deemed distribution assets and associated business. Cat Lake Power Utility Ltd. is not entitled to any compensation from the Crown, the OEB or any person for having surrendered possession and control of its deemed distribution assets and business.
6. Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation is to continue surrendering possession and control of the distribution assets and associated business serving the community of Cat Lake. The Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation is not entitled to any compensation from the Crown, the OEB or any person for having surrendered possession and control of its distribution assets and business.

DATED at Toronto July 30, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ceiran Bishop
Director, Performance Analytics and Compliance