



Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates beginning
January 1, 2027**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
July 31, 2026**

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. (Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution) filed a cost of service application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 30, 2026, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution charges for electricity distribution, beginning January 1, 2027.

The purpose of this Procedural Order is to set out dates for a settlement conference and related matters, and a date (if needed) for the presentation of any settlement proposal to the OEB.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. A settlement conference is scheduled for **September 28-29, 2026**, starting at 9:30 a.m. **October 1, 2026** is also being held if additional time is required. This will be a virtual event and information on how to participate will be provided in advance of the conference. If OEB staff or intervenors intend to submit clarification questions, they are encouraged to submit them as early as possible for the sake of efficiency.
2. **Within 48 hours** of the conclusion of the settlement conference, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution shall notify the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions including whether a tentative agreement had been reached or if the parties propose to continue the settlement discussions.
3. By **October 6, 2026**, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution shall notify the OEB whether a settlement has been reached. If there is no settlement, parties are invited to file and serve on the other parties by **October 13, 2026**, any submissions on which issues shall be heard in writing, and for which issues the OEB should hold an oral hearing.

4. If there is a settlement, Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution shall file the settlement proposal with the OEB on or before **October 19, 2026**. The settlement proposal shall outline the terms of any settlement, a list of any unsettled issues, and a summary of the parties' positions on whether the outstanding issues should be dealt with by oral or written hearing.
5. Any submission from OEB staff on a settlement proposal shall be filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **October 26, 2026**.
6. The OEB is setting a tentative date of **November 2, 2026**, starting at 9:30 a.m. for Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution to present to the OEB panel any settlement proposal and a summary of any unsettled issues in the case, and to respond to OEB panel clarification questions regarding the settlement. OEB staff will, at the direction of the OEB panel, confirm or amend this date in subsequent correspondence.

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-2026-0069**) 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, Arlene Bernardo at Arlene.Bernardo@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Raman Dhillon at Raman.Dhillon@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **July 31, 2026**

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Ritchie Murray
Registrar