

From: Office of the Registrar
To: Susi Ahlborn; IndustryRelations
Cc: Lizzie Zhang
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - Letter of Comment – EB-2026-0066 – Opposition to Ottawa River Power's proposed rate increase
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2026 2:00 PM
To: Office of the Registrar <Registrar@oeb.ca>
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Dear Office of the Registrar,

Please accept this email as my letter of comment in proceeding EB-2026-0066 concerning Ottawa River Power Corporation's proposed electricity distribution rate changes effective May 1, 2027.

As a residential customer in the [REDACTED] area, I oppose the proposed increase and ask the Ontario Energy Board to reject the application as filed.

The notice identifies an increase of C\$6.06 per month for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh, equivalent to C\$72.72 over a full year. Another recurring increase adds to the pressure on household budgets. Electricity is an essential service, and affordability should be a central consideration in the Board's review.

I ask the Board to closely scrutinize the costs underlying this request and require Ottawa River Power to demonstrate that it has pursued reasonable operating efficiencies and cost savings before passing additional costs to customers. Please also examine the proposed low-voltage charges, power purchase true-up adjustments, and recovery of deferral and variance account balances to ensure that only justified amounts are recovered and that customers are not charged twice for the same costs.

Customers should receive a clear explanation of what is driving the increase, which components are temporary or ongoing, and why the proposed one-year recovery period is appropriate. Any costs that are unsupported, avoidable, or already recovered should be disallowed. If the Board determines that some increase is necessary to maintain safe and reliable service, I ask that it be limited to the minimum justified amount and that options to reduce the immediate impact on households be considered.

Please place this objection on the record and confirm receipt. This is a letter of comment, not an application for intervenor status. Please remove my email address and any personal contact information from the publicly posted version.

Thank you,
Matthew O'Leary
[REDACTED] area, Ontario