CAFES Ottawa
Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability

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EB-2026-0051 Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) 2027 Electricity Distribution Rate Application
CAFES Ottawa Intervenor Request

Community Action for Environmental Sustainability Ottawa (CAFES Ottawa) received the letter dated October 14, 2026 from Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) noting that Hydro Ottawa had a preference for CAFES Ottawa to be represented as a distinct intervenor for the 2027 Rates Application, instead of coordinating through Pollution Probe and relying on their intervenor status for the proceeding.

Per the Hydro Ottawa correspondence, please find attached the intervenor request for CAFES Ottawa.

CAFES Ottawa is satisfied if the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) prefers CAFES Ottawa to be listed as a distinct intervenor or if the OEB prefers that we simple coordinate with Pollution Probe, as initially proposed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Brophy at 647-330-1217 or via Michael.brophy@rogers.com.

Sincerely,



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Case Number:

EB-2026-0051

Requesting information on behalf:

Of an organization

Intervenor Name:

Community Action for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) Ottawa

Mandate and Objectives:

Community Action for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) Ottawa is an independent not-for-profit organisation operating in the City of Ottawa. We represent the interests of our community to ensure balanced environmental and economic progress in the City of Ottawa aligned with a sustainable community for our consumers and businesses. CAFES Ottawa seeks to promote local and neighbourhood actions and initiatives to create healthier, greener and more participatory communities by sharing knowledge and best practices. CAFES strives to be an effective advocacy network of organizations and individuals with representation into rural, suburban and urban wards of Ottawa, encouraging responsiveness to the needs of our community and its future.

Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

CAFES Ottawa members and our partnership organisations represent individual and business ratepayers in the City of Ottawa through direct membership and through a network of organizational representatives from across 24 wards and over 50 neighbourhoods in the City of Ottawa. CAFES Ottawa builds community by connecting like-minded individuals to work together on local issues, fostering discussion, problem solving, collective action and sharing best practices. Ensuring that the electricity system serving the City of Ottawa meets the sustainable needs of our community is a key factor in our community's success.

Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

CAFES Ottawa is an action-oriented community hub organisation that coordinates within the City of Ottawa on a range of initiatives and issues that impact the economic and environmental well-being of our community and its members. For example, CAFES Caucuses forums serve to connect, inform and empower residents of Ottawa on topics that each individual consumer or business may be challenged to take action on individually. CAFES Ottawa regularly engages on behalf of our community on energy and related issues with Hydro Ottawa and its shareholder, the City of Ottawa.

Governance Structure:

The day-to-day operations of CAFES Ottawa is managed by the Executive Director and activities are undertaken by CAFES Ottawa staff and volunteers. The Executive Director reports to the CAFES Ottawa Board of Directors and is in regular contact with Board members on issues and initiatives that affect the City of Ottawa.

Representatives:

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Issues:

CAFES Ottawa membership, our network of organizational representatives from across the City of Ottawa and our partnership organisations represent individual and business ratepayers of Ottawa Hydro. We have a direct consumer interest in this proceeding and will be directly impacted from a collective financial and community perspective due to the outcomes of this proceeding. The OEB approvals that set the foundation for this 2027 Rate Application include requirements and commitments that pertain directly to CAFES Ottawa and its stakeholders.

This application represents Hydro Ottawa's Year 2 rate update under its approved five-year Custom Incentive Rate-setting (Custom IR) plan, which is per the Approved Settlement Agreement and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Decision related to the issues not resolved in the Approved Settlement Agreement. CAFES Ottawa intends to remain within that specific scope.

Policy Interests:

Please see above.

Hearings:

CAFES Ottawa does not have a preference for the type of hearing.

Evidence:

CAFES Ottawa is not planning to file expert evidence.

Coordination with Other Intervenors:

CAFES Ottawa intends to coordinate with all stakeholders in this proceeding. We had a discussion with Pollution Probe prior to them filing their intervenor request form and had intended to coordinate through Pollution Probe for this proceeding. On October 14, 2026, Hydro Ottawa filed correspondence expressing a preference for CAFES Ottawa to be included separately as an approved intervenor. CAFES Ottawa is comfortable with either approach and has filed this intervenor request form on that basis. CAFES Ottawa intends to coordinate with Pollution Probe and all stakeholders during this proceeding where there is commonality in interest and position on any specific issue.

Cost Awards:

CAFES Ottawa is an independent not-for-profit organisation that does not receive funding that would enable it to participate in this proceeding without an award of costs. CAFES Ottawa requests that it be eligible for its reasonable costs for this proceeding.

CAFES Ottawa is leveraging the same consultant as Pollution Probe for this proceeding which should enable us to split time and related costs for some specific activities.

Language Preference:

English