

## Decision on ERTH Power's Incremental Capital Funding Request

On July 8, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) on ERTH Power Corporation's (ERTH Power) request for \$33.2 million in incremental capital funding. The funding request relates to the purchase of property and the design, construction and furnishing of a new administrative and operations facility in Ingersoll.

ERTH Power provides electricity to about 24,400 customers in several Ontario communities, including Port Stanley, Aylmer, Ingersoll and Goderich. The new building will become ERTH Power's main office and will replace rented spaces that no longer meet its needs. ERTH Power will still retain rented spaces in Goderich and Aylmer for storage and construction work.

The OEB was satisfied that ERTH Power's request met the OEB's criteria for incremental capital funding: materiality, need and prudence.

However, based on an expectation that 11% of the new building will be used by a separate, unregulated company affiliated with ERTH Power,<sup>1</sup> the OEB determined that only 89% of the new building's cost can be included during in rates starting on January 1, 2026. The excluded amount will be given further consideration during ERTH Power's next rebasing application, subject to the submission of supporting evidence by the utility.

The approved incremental funding amount will be split between ERTH Power's two rate zones<sup>2</sup>:

- 81% for the Main Rate Zone
- 19% for the Goderich Rate Zone

Estimated bill impacts will be available once the rate order process has been completed, likely in August 2025.

## INTERVENORS

Intervenors are individuals or groups who have permission to participate in a hearing before the OEB because they have a substantial interest in the proceeding. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition and the School Energy Coalition were intervenors in this proceeding.

## ABOUT THE OEB

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<sup>1</sup> The [Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters](#) sets out how regulated entities must interact with their affiliate(s) and aims to protect ratepayers from harm that could arise from the cross-subsidization of affiliate activities and other conduct that provides an affiliate with an unfair business advantage.

<sup>2</sup> ERTH Power maintains two separate rate zones (the Main Rate Zone and Goderich Rate Zone) following the OEB's approval of the amalgamation between ERTH Power Corporation and the former West Coast Huron Energy Inc. (EB-2018-0082).

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