

## Decision on Greater Sudbury Hydro's Major Rates Application

On April 15, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Partial Decision and Interim Rate Order](#) on Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.'s (Greater Sudbury Hydro) application to change the rates it charges for electricity distribution beginning May 1, 2025.

The OEB approved a partial settlement proposal agreed upon by Greater Sudbury Hydro and the intervenors who participated in the hearing. The OEB concluded that the partial settlement proposal is an appropriate basis to set just and reasonable rates, and that the commitment made by Greater Sudbury Hydro should contribute to improved system planning to ensure improved cost-effective reliable service.

Unsettled elements of one issue<sup>1</sup> regarding amounts in two deferral accounts related to a change in regulatory accounting will be addressed through a written hearing process.

Estimated bill impacts will be available once the rate order process has been completed, likely in May 2025, but will be subject to change once the OEB decides the unsettled issue.

Key elements of the settlement proposal include the following reductions relative to the amounts requested in Greater Sudbury Hydro's application:

- A \$869k reduction (7.0%) in the 2025 capital in-service additions, resulting in a revised total of \$11.5M.
- A \$1.3M reduction (6.43 %) in the 2025 Operations, Maintenance & Administration budget, resulting in a revised total of \$18.92M.
- A \$1.52M reduction (4.65%) to the 2025 base revenue requirement, resulting in a revised revenue requirement of \$31.17M.

## 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. Intervenors in the proceeding were the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada, School Energy Coalition, and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

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<sup>1</sup> The Issues List was approved in the [OEB's Decision on Issues List](#), December 19, 2024

independent adjudicative decision-making which contributes to Ontario's economic, social and environmental development. You can learn more about the OEB at [oeb.ca](http://oeb.ca).

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