

Decision on Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership's Major Transmission Rates Application

On November 21, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) on a settlement proposal relating to Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership's (NRLP) application for approval of its 2025-2029 electricity transmission revenue requirement.

The OEB approved the settlement proposal agreed upon by NRLP and intervenors, concluding that it will result in a reasonable outcome for NRLP and transmission customers. The estimated average impact on 2025 transmission rates is -0.007%, resulting in a total bill impact of less than 0.01% for a typical Hydro One Residential (R1) customer consuming 750 kW per month.¹

Key elements of the OEB-approved settlement proposal include the following changes as compared to NRLP's filed application:

- An overall reduction of \$200,000 to NRLP's 2025-2029 Operations, Maintenance & Administration (OM&A) budget.
- Returning \$586,049 to transmission customers from NRLP's Earnings Sharing Mechanism (ESM) account.

Table 1 summarizes the 2025 to 2029 estimated revenue requirements based on the settlement proposal.

Table 1 - Settled 2025-2029 Rates Revenue Requirement (\$M)

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Proposed Revenue Requirement	8.99	8.94	8.82	8.81	9.49
Settlement Reduction	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.06)
Settled Revenue Requirement	8.96	8.91	8.79	8.77	9.43
ESM DVA Disposition	(0.58)				
Settled Rates Revenue Requirement	8.37	8.91	8.79	8.77	9.43

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 Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario, Consumers Council of Canada and School Energy Coalition were intervenors in this proceeding.

¹ The OEB sets rates for rate-regulated transmitters by setting the revenue requirement for each one. These individual revenue requirements are then incorporated into the "Uniform Transmission Rates" that are recovered from ratepayers across the province. For residential and small business customers, these rates are captured in the "Delivery" line of their bills.

About NRLP

NRLP is a partnership among Hydro One Indigenous Partnerships Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

NRLP is an OEB-licensed and rate-regulated transmitter that owns a 76km 230kV double circuit transmission line which connects the Allanburg and Middleport transformer stations. All power transported using NRLP's assets is delivered to the final customer by another transmitter and thus is included in another transmitter's load forecast. The revenue requirement is allocated to the provincial Network rate pool.

About the OEB

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