

Decision on Wataynikaneyap Power LP's 2025 Transmission Rates Application

On December 10, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [Decision and Order](#) approving a settlement proposal relating to Wataynikaneyap Power LP's (WPLP) application for its 2025 electricity transmission revenue requirement and associated transmission rates. The OEB found that the settlement proposal is an acceptable basis on which to approve WPLP's revenue requirement and will result in just and reasonable rates.

WPLP is a partnership involving 24 First Nations and Fortis Inc.

WPLP's transmission system comprises 22 stations and approximately 1,742 km of lines in northwestern Ontario which has extended transmission service to connect 16 remote First Nation communities to the provincial electricity grid. Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. will be providing distribution services to all 16 of the communities.

The settlement proposal approved by the OEB includes a \$2.7 million reduction (1.51%) to the revenue requirement, resulting in a revised revenue requirement of \$176.2 million.

Under the approved settlement proposal, transmission rates and the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection rate for all customers will increase slightly. For reference, the total bill impact for a typical Hydro One R1 residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh is estimated to be an increase of \$0.14 or 0.10% per month, including taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate, effective January 1, 2025.

KEY FEATURES

Other key features of the settlement proposal, which represented a full settlement of all the issues, include:

- A commitment to file a multi-year revenue requirement application in 2026, which will include a Transmission System Plan and initial scorecard for performance measurement.
- A \$2.1 million (6%) reduction in Operations, Maintenance & Administration costs (OM&A), resulting in a revised OM&A budget of \$33.6 million.

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. There were no requests to intervene in this proceeding. As a result, OEB staff was made a party to the settlement conference and was a party to the resulting settlement proposal.

ABOUT THE OEB

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