

WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORPORATION

Decision on Welland Hydro's Major Rates Application

On March 27, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) on Welland Hydro-Electric System Corporation's (Welland Hydro) application to change the rates it charges for electricity distribution beginning May 1, 2025.

The OEB approved the settlement proposal agreed upon by Welland Hydro and the intervenors in the hearing and concluded that it is an acceptable basis upon which to establish just and reasonable rates.

As a result of the Decision and Order, the estimated total bill impact¹ for a typical residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh will be a decrease of \$4.47 per month (or 3.4%) before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

Key elements of the OEB-approved settlement proposal include the following further reductions relative to the amounts requested in Welland Hydro's application:

- A \$180k reduction (2.7%) in the 2025 Operations, Maintenance & Administration budget, resulting in a revised total of \$8.6M.
- A \$280k reduction (6.0%) to the 2025 capital in-service additions, resulting in a revised total of \$4.5M.

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 this proceeding included the Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada, School Energy Coalition, and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

ABOUT THE OEB

The OEB is the independent regulator of Ontario's electricity and natural gas sectors. It protects the interests of consumers and supports the delivery of clean, reliable and affordable energy for the people, farms and businesses of Ontario. Its goal is to deliver public value through prudent regulation and independent adjudicative decision-making which contributes to Ontario's economic, social and environmental development. You can learn more about the OEB at oeb.ca.

Independence in the hearing and determination of matters is a key element of the OEB's mandate, established through legislative structures, the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the Minister of Energy and Electrification and the Chair of the OEB, and by-laws that set out clear lines of communication between government and the OEB. Commissioner panels hear and determine matters independently, with legislative protections and other instruments to ensure decisions are free from

¹ The bill impacts are subject to change through the rate order process.

interference by the CEO, the Board of Directors and government. This also includes the Chief Commissioner when not assigned to the specific case.

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