

## APPLICATION SUMMARY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Schedule summarizes Hydro Ottawa Limited's 2026-2030 Custom Incentive Rate-setting (Custom IR) Application, in accordance with section 2.1.2 of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) *Chapter 2 Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications - 2025 Edition for 2026 Rate Applications*, dated December 9, 2024. In addition, this Schedule summarizes the changes proposed in this Application that will have a material impact on customers of Hydro Ottawa Limited (henceforth in the Application referred to as Hydro Ottawa), including any changes to rates and charges that may affect discrete customer groups. As appropriate, specific customers or customer groups that will be impacted by such proposals are also identified.

This Schedule is organized into the following sections:

2. Revenue Requirement
3. Revenue Load Forecast Summary
4. Rate Base and Distribution System Plan Summary
5. Operations, Maintenance and Administration Expense Summary
6. Cost of Capital Summary
7. Cost Allocation and Rate Design Summary
8. Deferral and Variance Accounts Summary
9. Bill Impacts Summary

In this Application, when the years 2021-2025 are referred to as a combination of Historical and Bridge Years, this is a total of Historical Years 2021-2023 based on Actuals, and Bridge Years of 2024 and 2025 forecast.

### 2. REVENUE REQUIREMENT

As presented in Table 1 below, Hydro Ottawa's Service Revenue Requirement is \$309.9M for the 2026 Test Year.

1 **Table 1 – Service Revenue Requirement - Change and Drivers (\$'000s)**

	OEB- Approved	Test Year	Change		Drivers
	2025	2026	\$	%	
Return on Rate Base	\$ 79,365	\$ 91,549	\$ 12,184	15%	\$97.1M increase in average net fixed assets driven mainly by increased volume and complexity of non-discretionary growth, increased renewal work due to aging equipment and failures, major storms, and inflationary pressures.
Distribution Expenses (not including amortization)	\$ 104,927	\$ 140,010	\$ 35,083	33%	Increase in distribution operations expenses, cloud and information technology including cyber security Headcount growth and increases in compensation Inflationary increases
Amortization	\$ 62,125	\$ 67,205	\$ 5,080	8%	Capital addition and increase in forecast capital additions to meet customer needs and grid modernization
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 7,283	\$ 6,638	\$ (645)	(9)%	Changes in capital additions and the associated CCA deductions available.
Other Expenses - PILS	\$ (3,658)	\$ 4,590	\$ 8,248	(225)%	2025 included capital stretch factor 2026 includes a proposed PILS capital contribution
<b>Service Revenue Requirement</b>	<b>\$ 250,042</b>	<b>\$ 309,992</b>	<b>\$ 59,950</b>	<b>24%</b>	

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3 For further details on Hydro Ottawa's revenue requirement, please see Schedule 6-1-1 -  
4 Calculation of Revenue Deficiency or Sufficiency.

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6 **3. REVENUE LOAD FORECAST SUMMARY**

7 Hydro Ottawa's forecasted energy sales for the 2026 Test Year are 7,443,105 MWh. This is  
8 322,836 MWh (4.5%) higher than the 2021 OEB-approved MWh forecast.

Hydro Ottawa's demand sales forecast for the 2026 Test Year is 9,627,788 kW.<sup>1</sup> This is 88,934 kW (0.9%) higher than the 2021 OEB-approved kW forecast.

The utility's forecasted monthly average number of customers for the 2026 Test Year is 377,521, representing an increase of 9.4% over the 2021 OEB-approved number.

Table 2 provides a high-level summary of Hydro Ottawa's load forecast for the 2026-2030 Custom IR term.

**Table 2 – Revenue Load Forecast Summary**

Year	Total Sales (MWh)	Total Sales Demand (kW)	Average Customers
2026	7,443,105	9,627,788	377,521
2027	7,467,438	9,637,812	381,118
2028	7,538,443	9,743,200	384,796
2029	7,587,713	9,863,219	388,582
2030	7,636,647	9,933,131	392,422

Hydro Ottawa has provided a detailed five-year, class-specific, and weather-normalized revenue load forecast and customer connection forecast for each rate class in Schedule 3-1-1 - Revenue Load and Customer Forecast. This forecast incorporates future electricity demand-side management (eDSM) programs that were enacted in 2025 as well as the impacts of electrification.

## 4. RATE BASE AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN SUMMARY

### 4.1. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN

Hydro Ottawa's 2026-2030 DSP outlines an increase in capital investments compared to the previous five-year period, driven by the necessity to modernize and expand the grid to meet

<sup>1</sup> This represents kW sales for commercial classes above 50kW, Sentinel Lighting, Street Lighting, and Standby Power.

evolving community needs and address climate change; this plan, refined through customer feedback and system analysis, prioritizes four investment priorities:

- Growth & Electrification - Powering a Growing Community
- Renewing Deteriorating Infrastructure
- Grid Modernization - Enabling the Energy Transition
- Enhancing Resilience

These priorities, supported by focuses on managing rising costs and investing in the workforce, aim to ensure a reliable and resilient electricity system for the City of Ottawa and Municipality of Casselman, reflecting Hydro Ottawa's commitment to balancing affordability with long-term grid sustainability and security. Table 3 below summarizes the major drivers underlying Hydro Ottawa's capital investment program for the 2026-2030 rate period.

1 **Table 3 – 2026-2030 Capital Expenditure Drivers by Investment Category**

Investment Category	Driver	Description
System Access	Customer Service Request	Customer request for new connection (load or generation)
	Third Party Requirements	Request by a third party for plant relocation
	Mandated Service Obligation	Regulatory requirement to maintain distribution license under the OEB's Distribution System Code or requirement as per Hydro Ottawa's Conditions of Service
System Renewal	Failure	Asset no longer meets functional requirement
	Failure Risk	Asset is at risk to no longer meet functional requirements
	High Performance Risk	Asset is at risk of failure in a way that can cause harm or damage to other equipment or assets or would put the distribution system in a detrimental state
	Functional Obsolescence	Asset is functionally obsolete with no spare parts, tools, and/or software to continue operation
System Service	Capacity Constraints	Requirement for additional capacity (station transformation or circuit) due to planned or realized load increases
	Reliability	Requirements driven by poor distribution system performance such as abnormally high duration or frequency of interruptions
	System Efficiency	Requirements to improve both resource efficiency and power delivery reliability through strategic automation that minimizes manual intervention and streamlines data workflows.
	Observability	Requirements for improved system operability and visibility
	Resilience	Requirements for improved system resilience during major events.
General Plant	System Investment Support	Capital contributions to Hydro One for connection projects Requirement for fleet/vehicle acquisition
	Business Operations Support	Requirements for IT software and systems

Table 4 provides a summary of the total capital expenditures that are planned for 2026-2030. For further details, please see Schedule 2-4-1 - Capital Expenditure Summary, Schedule 2-5-1 - Distribution System Plan and Schedule 2-5-5 - Capital Expenditure Plan.

**Table 4 – Summary of 2026-2030 Capital Expenditures (\$'000,000s)**

Investment Category	Test Years					Average
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2026-2030
System Access	\$ 86.2	\$ 78.7	\$ 66.2	\$ 67.0	\$ 71.5	\$ 73.9
System Renewal	\$ 85.3	\$ 83.4	\$ 80.7	\$ 86.9	\$ 95.3	\$ 86.3
System Service	\$ 99.3	\$ 125.3	\$ 76.1	\$ 85.9	\$ 86.9	\$ 94.7
General Plant	\$ 38.3	\$ 23.6	\$ 33.0	\$ 27.9	\$ 11.0	\$ 26.8
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 309.1</b>	<b>\$ 311.0</b>	<b>\$ 256.0</b>	<b>\$ 267.7</b>	<b>\$ 264.8</b>	<b>\$ 281.7</b>
Capital Contributions	\$ 50.9	\$ 50.6	\$ 38.4	\$ 32.2	\$ 41.1	\$ 42.6
<b>Net Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 258.2</b>	<b>\$ 260.4</b>	<b>\$ 217.5</b>	<b>\$ 235.5</b>	<b>\$ 223.7</b>	<b>\$ 239.1</b>

Table 5 below provides a summary of the change in capital expenditures between the 2026-2030 Test Year proposals and OEB-Approved expenditures for the 2021-2025 period.

**Table 5 – 2021-2025 OEB-Approved Capital Expenditures vs. 2026-2030 Proposed Capital Expenditures (\$'000,000s)**

	OEB-Approved	Test Years	Change	
	2021-2025	2026-2030	\$	%
Capital Expenditures	\$498	\$1,195	\$698	140%

## 4.2. RATE BASE SUMMARY

Table 6 below details the proposed changes in rate base for 2026. Hydro Ottawa's 2026 Test Year rate base is projected to be \$115.7M, or 8% higher than the 2025 OEB-Approved amount.

The increase is attributable to both planned capital additions in 2026 and the inclusion of in-service additions for the 2021-2025 period that exceeded OEB-Approved amounts.

Full details on Hydro Ottawa's proposed rate base for 2026-2030 can be found in Schedule 2-1-1 - Rate Base Overview.

**Table 6 – 2025 OEB-Approved Rate Base vs. 2026 Test Year Rate Base (\$'000s)**

	OEB-Approved	Test Year	Change	
	2025	2026	\$	%
Rate Base	\$1,416,727	\$1,532,457	\$115,730	8%

## 5. OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE SUMMARY

Hydro Ottawa is seeking approval for \$140M in OM&A funding in the 2026 test year. This level of funding is necessary to enable the utility to address the maintenance needs of the distribution system, prepare the system to accommodate emerging needs resulting from customer growth, evolving customer expectations and the energy transition, and proactively adapt to quickly evolving technological advancements and cyber security needs. This request accounts for several factors: rising prices driven by inflationary increases, the need for additional workforce required to execute both the capital program outlined in the Distribution System Plan (DSP) and support ongoing maintenance programs, and the need to fund enhanced testing and asset inspection programs to maintain system health and reliability, especially given constrained levels of renewal investment relative to the condition needs of the assets. Furthermore, the increased funding necessary to address storm-related costs such as vegetation management, and the growing need for investment in IT costs, including cyber security and cloud computing infrastructure, are also factored into this request.

Hydro Ottawa's proposed rate framework includes a Custom Revenue OM&A Factor (CROF) of 5.18% for 2027-2030, designed to adjust operational, maintenance, and administrative funding.

The CROF is calculated using three components: an inflation factor, a productivity/stretch factor, and a growth factor. The inflation factor, initially set at 2.10%, will be updated annually based on the OEB's standard methodology, which considers both labour and non-labour indices. The stretch factor, intended to reflect Hydro Ottawa's incremental efficiency gains, is adjusted to 0.15%, which are not adequately captured by the current benchmarking model. Finally, the growth factor, calculated as 3.23%, accounts for increases in customer count (1.005% CAGR) and system capacity (5.054% CAGR), weighted according to the OEB's cost allocation model. This comprehensive approach aims to ensure Hydro Ottawa receives sufficient funding to manage its expanding operations and infrastructure while maintaining efficiency and reliability. For more information on the CROF, please see Schedule 1-3-1: Rate Setting Framework.

Table 10 outlines Hydro Ottawa's Historical, Bridge, and Test Year OM&A expenditures.

**Table 10 – OM&A Expenditures & Variances (\$'000s)**

	Year	OM&A (\$)	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
<b>OEB Approved</b>	2021	\$ 90,600		
<b>Historical Years</b>	2021	\$ 84,737	\$ (5,863)	(6.47%)
	2022	\$ 100,536	\$ 15,798	18.64%
	2023	\$ 112,778	\$ 12,242	12.18%
<b>Bridge Years</b>	2024	\$ 115,320	\$ 2,543	2.25%
	2025	\$ 118,922	\$ 3,602	3.12%
<b>Test Years</b>	2026	\$ 140,010	\$ 21,088	17.73%
	2027	\$ 147,263	\$ 7,253	5.18%
	2028	\$ 154,891	\$ 7,628	5.18%
	2029	\$ 162,914	\$ 8,023	5.18%
	2030	\$ 171,353	\$ 8,439	5.18%



Table 11 presents the difference in OM&A expenses for the 2026 Test Year compared to the last year of OM&A expenditures approved by the OEB (2025 Bridge Year), both in dollar amount and percentage.

**Table 11 – 2025 OEB-Approved OM&A vs. 2026 Test Year OM&A (\$'000s)**

	OEB-Approved	Test	Change	
	2025	2026	\$	%
OM&A	\$104,927	\$140,010	\$35,083	33.4%

For more information on OM&A, please see Schedule 4-1-1 - Operations, Maintenance and Administration Summary and Schedule 4-1-2- Operations, Maintenance and Administration Program Costs.

### 5.1. COST DRIVERS & TRENDS

Table 12 below shows the overall cost drivers for OM&A. Detailed explanations for each item are provided in Schedule 4-1-2 - Operations, Maintenance and Administration Costs.

**Table 12 – Summary of Overall OM&A Cost Drivers (\$'000,000s)**

Cost Driver	Historical Years			Bridge Years		Test Year
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 91</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>\$ 101</b>	<b>\$ 113</b>	<b>\$ 115</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>
Inflation		\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 4	\$ 4
COVID Impact	\$ (6)	\$ 2				
Labour Costs				\$ 4		\$ 6
Proactive Distribution Maintenance						\$ 5
New IT Programs		\$ 1				\$ 6
Major Weather Events		\$ 8	\$ 8			
Labour Strike			\$ 6			
Other Costs		\$ 2	\$ (6)	\$ (7)	-	\$ 1
<b>Total Change</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>	<b>\$ 16</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 21</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>\$ 101</b>	<b>\$ 113</b>	<b>\$ 115</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>	<b>\$ 140</b>

## 5.2. COMPENSATION

Over the course of two successive five-year rate plans, Hydro Ottawa has sought to keep its permanent positions relatively static. Looking ahead to the 2026-2030 term, there is a critical need for growth of the workforce and the addition of new and enhanced skill sets. The growth is necessary to meet business growth needs and ensure safe and efficient work. This includes:

- Maintaining and enhancing the reliability of the electricity distribution system;
- Executing its comprehensive asset management plan and planned infrastructure renewal;
- Addressing increased workload demands, evolving skill requirements, and emerging business priorities;
- Responding to increasing legislative and regulatory requirements;
- Addressing customer growth and nurture an evolving customer relationship;
- Continuing to manage the effects of the demographic shifts in the workforce; and
- Leveraging technological advancements in an ever-changing business landscape.

Table 13 below shows the total compensation included in OM&A for each of the Historical, Bridge, and Test Years.

**Table 13 – Total Compensation Costs, Including Benefits (\$'000s)**

	Year	Compensation	Previous Year	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Historical	2021	\$ 72,044			
	2022	\$ 76,542	\$ 72,044	\$ 4,498	6%
	2023	\$ 71,066	\$ 76,542	\$ (5,476)	(7)%
Bridge	2024	\$ 84,830	\$ 71,066	\$ 13,764	19%
	2025	\$ 90,806	\$ 84,830	\$ 5,976	7%
Test	2026	\$ 104,433	\$ 90,806	\$ 13,627	15%

For more information on Hydro Ottawa's compensation costs, including a comparison of 2026 Test Year compensation costs with Historical and Bridge Year costs for the 2021-2025 period, please see Schedule 4-1-3(A) - Employee Compensation Strategy.

## 6. COST OF CAPITAL SUMMARY

Table 14 below summarizes the capital structure, cost of capital parameters, and Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) that Hydro Ottawa is proposing to utilize for purposes of this Application.

**Table 14 – 2026-2030 Weighted Average Cost of Capital**

Year	Short-Term Debt Weight	Short-Term Debt Rate	Long-Term Debt Weight	Long-Term Debt Rate	Equity Weight	Return on Equity	WACC
2026	4%	3.91%	56%	3.96%	40%	9.00%	5.97%
2027	4%	3.91%	56%	3.96%	40%	9.00%	5.97%
2028	4%	3.91%	56%	3.96%	40%	9.00%	5.97%
2029	4%	3.91%	56%	3.96%	40%	9.00%	5.97%
2030	4%	3.91%	56%	3.96%	40%	9.00%	5.97%

Hydro Ottawa is using the OEB's cost of capital methodology for its capital components. The short-term debt component uses the 3.91% rate as a placeholder and as outlined in the OEB's Cost of Capital and Other Matters decision and order.<sup>2</sup> Hydro Ottawa is proposing to update its revenue requirement for 2026-2030, based on the deemed short-term debt rate for 2026 to be set by the OEB in the fall of 2025, and that this rate be locked in for the five-year term covered by this Application. Hydro Ottawa proposes a long-term debt rate for 2026 of 3.96%, calculated as the weighted average rate of existing embedded debt and forecast debt planned to be issued from 2025-2026 applied throughout the 2026-2030 rate cycle, as described in Schedule 5-1-1 - Cost of Capital and Capital Structure. Hydro Ottawa has proposed a 9.00% return on equity (ROE) parameter for the purpose of calculating revenue requirement for the full five-year period

<sup>2</sup> Ontario Energy Board, *Decision and Order, Generic Proceeding - Cost of Capital and Other Matters*, EB-2024-0063, (March 27, 2025).

covered by this Application. Hydro Ottawa will update its revenue requirement for 2026-2030, based on the ROE for 2026 to be set by the OEB in the fall of 2025.

## 7. COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN SUMMARY

### 7.1. COST ALLOCATION

The primary purpose of a cost allocation model is to determine the proportions of total revenue requirements that are the responsibility of each rate class.<sup>3</sup> Hydro Ottawa has completed a cost allocation model for each of the test years 2026-2030 using the OEB's Cost Allocation Model.<sup>4</sup> As discussed in Schedule 3-1-1 - Revenue Load and Customer Forecast, the proportion of revenue requirement allocated to each rate class varies over the five test years.

Hydro Ottawa completed a cost allocation study to support input to the cost allocation in two key areas:<sup>5</sup>

- The appropriate split between primary, secondary and services assets; and
- The appropriate customer count and non-coincident peak (NCP) split between primary and secondary for the Residential and GS <50 kW customer classes.

The study's process and results are detailed in Attachment 7-1-1 (F) - Primary/Secondary Cost Study. The impact of each of the cost study components on the proposed 2026 revenue requirement is described in detail in Attachments 7-1-1(F) - Primary/Secondary Cost Study and 7-1-1(G) - 2026 Demand Allocators. The results have been incorporated into the cost models in Attachments 7-1-1(A) - OEB Workform - 2026 Cost Allocation Model to 7-1-1(E) - OEB Workform - 2030 Cost Allocation Model.

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<sup>3</sup> Please see Attachment 7-1-1(B): Cost Allocation Report.

<sup>4</sup> Hydro Ottawa has used the 2026 version of the OEB Cost Allocation Model, released on February 5, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> As agreed in: Hydro Ottawa Limited, *2021-2025 Custom Incentive Rate-Setting Approved Settlement Agreement*, EB-2019-0261 (September 18, 2020), page 27.

The resulting revenue-to-cost ratios for each rate class were determined using the total revenues over costs for the Test Years, pursuant to the OEB's policies for cost allocation by electricity distributors.<sup>6</sup>

## 7.2. RATE DESIGN

Results from Hydro Ottawa's cost allocation study, as well as the revenue and cost ratios from the five cost allocation models were used to calculate Hydro Ottawa's 2026-2030 proposed fixed and variable charge. As noted in Schedule 7-1-1- Cost Allocation, some rate classes' Revenue-to-Costs ratios were outside the OEB's upper/lower band. Therefore Hydro Ottawa is proposing rate mitigation on the Sentinel rate class, which would otherwise face a 10% total bill impact. Other rate classes are being brought within their band by the end of the five year rate period. Specifically, Hydro Ottawa adjusted Revenue-to-Cost ratios for GS <50 kW, Large Use, and Street Lighting customer classes to bring them within the specified ranges over the Test Years. For further details, refer to Schedule 8-5-2 - Rate Mitigation and Schedule 7-1-1 - Cost Allocation.

As of January 1, 2020, Residential distribution rates are fully fixed, in compliance with the policy adopted by the OEB in 2015.<sup>7</sup> Rates for all other customer classes will continue to have both a fixed component and a variable component based on consumption (kWh) or demand (kW). In addition, effective January 1, 2026, Hydro Ottawa is requesting to bill approved monthly fixed charges to a rate per day basis, applicable to all rate classes. For more information on the mechanics of this proposed change, refer to Schedule 8-1-2 - Fixed/Variable Proportion.

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<sup>6</sup> Ontario Energy Board, *Report of the Board - Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*, EB-2010-0219 (March 31, 2011).

<sup>7</sup> Ontario Energy Board, *Board Policy - A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers*, EB-2012-0410 (April 2, 2015).

### 7.3. STANDBY RATES AND RATE STRUCTURE

For this Application, Hydro Ottawa is requesting approval to finalize the existing interim standby rates, which are valid until December 31, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, Hydro Ottawa is proposing the following changes to the standby rate design:

1. The 2025 approved Standby monthly fixed service charge continued for the 2026-2030 rate period;
2. Standby volumetric charges only applied to Billed Backup demand above 500 kW charged at fifty percent of the distribution variable rate;
3. Backup Overrun Adjustment charges are billed using Hydro Ottawa's distribution variable rate of the applicable class;

These changes are intended to encourage more strategic development of DERs and enable Hydro Ottawa to accommodate them effectively in grid development plans. Furthermore, through the 2026-2030 period, Hydro Ottawa is exploring non-wire alternatives to address system capacity needs. As such, Hydro Ottawa is exploring incentives for non-wires solutions where there is a benefit to the distribution grid.

### 8. DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Hydro Ottawa proposes to dispose of Group 2 deferral accounts, including the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Account. The total net deferral and variance (DVA) balance proposed for disposition is \$(4,610,795). Hydro Ottawa is proposing that the Rate Riders for Group 2 Accounts (excluding LRAM) be disposed of over one year. The LRAM variance will also be disposed of over one year for most rate classes, except for GS 50 to 1,499 kW, where the LRAM balance is proposed for disposition in 2027. No Group 1 Accounts are being requested for disposition at this time.

Hydro Ottawa is proposing continuation of existing accounts as well as modifications to the following DVAs as outlined below.

Proposed the continuance/modified of the following 1508 variance accounts:

- Symmetrical System Access Capital Additions Differential Account - exclude capital additions related to the sub-account System Access Plant Relocations and Growth Capital Development Additions (modified)
- Existing asymmetrical System Renewal/System Service (SR/SS) Capital Additions Differential Account (asymmetric) to exclude new SR/SS sub-account (modified)
- Asymmetrical General Plant (excluding CCRA) Capital Additions Differential Account (continuance)
- Earnings Sharing Mechanism Variance Account - with deadband (modified)

Hydro Ottawa is proposing the following new deferral and variance accounts:

- Symmetrical Non-wires Solutions Variance Account
- Symmetrical Large Load Variance Account
- Tariff Impact Deferral Account

In addition Hydro Ottawa is requesting to maintain the ability to apply for a Z-factor Account and make use of Account 1595 (2026)

In addition, Hydro Ottawa is requesting that the following deferral and variance accounts be discontinued:

- 1508 Sub-Account - Pole Attachment Charge Revenues Variance Account
- 1508 Sub-Account - Green Button Initiative Costs
- 1508 Sub-Account - Ultra-Low Overnight (ULO) Implementation Costs
- 1508 Sub-Account - RCVA Retail Incremental Revenue
- 1508 Sub-Account - STR Incremental Revenue
- 1508 Sub-Account - Impacts Arising from COVID-19 Emergency

- 1508 Sub-Account - Incremental Cloud Computing Implementation Costs

For further information regarding DVAs, the amounts proposed for clearance, and proposals for new DVAs, please refer to Schedule 9-1-1 - Summary of Current Deferral and Variance Accounts, Schedule 9-2-1 - New Deferral and Variance Accounts, and Schedule 9-3-1 - Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts.

## 9. BILL IMPACTS SUMMARY

In developing its capital and OM&A budgets for the 2026-2030 period, Hydro Ottawa was careful to have due regard for the impacts that bill increases may have on customers. The utility's objective was to keep the total bill impacts for each of its customer classes as reasonable as possible.

Table 15 below provides a summary of the total bill impacts for typical customers in all classes. Further details regarding Hydro Ottawa's proposed bill impacts are available in Schedule 8-5-1 - Bill Impacts and Tariff of Rates and Charges.



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**Table 15 – Summary of Bill Impacts**

Rate Class		Approved	Proposed				
		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Residential (750 kWh)	Distribution Charge	\$34.51	\$40.59	\$44.38	\$47.69	\$50.41	\$53.15
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$6.08	\$3.79	\$3.31	\$2.72	\$2.74
	% Distribution Increase		17.62%	9.34%	7.46%	5.70%	5.44%
	% Increase of Total Bill		6.05%	2.73%	2.33%	1.88%	1.85%
General Service <50 kW (2000 kWh)	Distribution Charge	\$85.93	\$100.50	\$108.92	\$116.42	\$123.04	\$128.84
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$14.57	\$8.42	\$7.50	\$6.62	\$5.80
	% Distribution Increase		16.96%	8.38%	6.89%	5.69%	4.71%
	% Increase of Total Bill		4.94%	2.35%	2.05%	1.77%	1.53%
General Service 50 kW - 1,499 kW (185 kW)	Distribution Charge	\$1,366.91	\$1,673.88	\$1,835.23	\$1,966.69	\$2,079.17	\$2,192.43
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$306.97	\$161.36	\$131.46	\$112.48	\$113.26
	% Distribution Increase		22.46%	9.64%	7.16%	5.72%	5.45%
	% Increase of Total Bill		0.40%	1.36%	1.09%	0.92%	0.92%
General Service 1,500 kW - 4,999 kW (1,925 kW)	Distribution Charge	\$16,219.02	\$18,031.03	\$20,584.54	\$22,143.40	\$23,428.53	\$24,549.08
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$1,812.00	\$2,553.51	\$1,558.87	\$1,285.13	\$1,120.54
	% Distribution Increase		11.17%	14.16%	7.57%	5.80%	4.78%
	% Increase of Total Bill		(0.93)%	1.88%	1.12%	0.92%	0.79%
Large Use (7,500 kW)	Distribution Charge	\$61,692.18	\$69,467.43	\$81,506.43	\$89,100.93	\$94,642.68	\$102,371.43
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$7,775.25	\$12,039.00	\$7,594.50	\$5,541.75	\$7,728.75
	% Distribution Increase		12.60%	17.33%	9.32%	6.22%	8.17%
	% Increase of Total Bill		(1.03)%	2.06%	1.27%	0.92%	1.27%
Sentinel Lighting (0.4 kW)	Distribution Charge	\$20.19	\$21.91	\$24.10	\$25.89	\$27.37	\$28.86
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$1.72	\$2.19	\$1.79	\$1.48	\$1.49
	% Distribution Increase		8.51%	9.97%	7.45%	5.73%	5.43%
	% Increase of Total Bill		9.23%	6.15%	4.77%	3.78%	3.65%
Street Lighting (50kW)	Distribution Charge	\$928.89	\$983.59	\$732.56	\$766.04	\$782.25	\$789.60
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$54.70	(\$251.03)	\$33.48	\$16.21	\$7.36
	% Distribution Increase		5.89%	(25.52)%	4.57%	2.12%	0.94%
	% Increase of Total Bill		(0.21)%	(7.55)%	1.09%	0.52%	0.24%
Unmetered Scattered Load (470 kWh)	Distribution Charge	\$22.98	\$25.80	\$28.49	\$30.47	\$32.23	\$33.72
	Change in Distribution Charge		\$2.82	\$2.70	\$1.97	\$1.76	\$1.49
	% Distribution Increase		12.27%	10.46%	6.92%	5.78%	4.64%
	% Increase of Total Bill		5.14%	3.10%	2.22%	1.94%	1.29%