

E.L.K. Energy Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges effective May 1, 2025**

**INTERIM RATE ORDER
April 25, 2025**

E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on October 28, 2024, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2025. E.L.K. Energy also sought disposition of its balances from 2016 to 2023 in a deferral and variance account referred to as a Group 1 account and a single Group 2 account over a four-year period.

In its application, E.L.K. Energy requested that, in the event the OEB is unable to issue a decision in time to allow for the implementation of any new rates and charges as of May 1, 2025, its existing rates be declared interim effective May 1, 2025. E.L.K. Energy also requested that it be permitted to recover the incremental revenue from the effective date to the implementation date.

By letter dated April 23, 2025, E.L.K. Energy reiterated its request for interim rates and recovery of incremental revenue. E.L.K. Energy also proposed the creation of a foregone revenue variance account to track the difference in revenue between the requested effective date made in the IRM application and the actual implementation date following the OEB's decision. E.L.K. Energy proposed that the balance in the account be recovered through a rate rider in effect from the implementation date to May 1, 2026.

Given the filing dates established in Procedural Order No. 2, the discovery and argument phases of this proceeding are yet to be completed. As a result, the OEB finds it appropriate to declare E.L.K. Energy's rates interim as of May 1, 2025. This determination is made without prejudice to the OEB's decision on E.L.K. Energy's application, and should not be construed as predictive, in any way, of the OEB's final determination with regard to the effective date for E.L.K. Energy's rates arising from this application.

Despite granting an interim rate order, the OEB does not approve the request for a foregone revenue variance account. The OEB retains the discretion to set the effective and implementation dates later than May 1, 2025 and has the ability to enable the recovery of foregone revenue without a variance account, if deemed appropriate. The OEB will ultimately set the effective date of the Final Rate Order to whatever date it determines to be just and reasonable.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. E.L.K. Energy's current Tariff of Rates and Charges is declared interim as of May 1, 2025, and until such time as a Final Rate Order is issued by the OEB.

DATED at Toronto, **April 25, 2025**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar