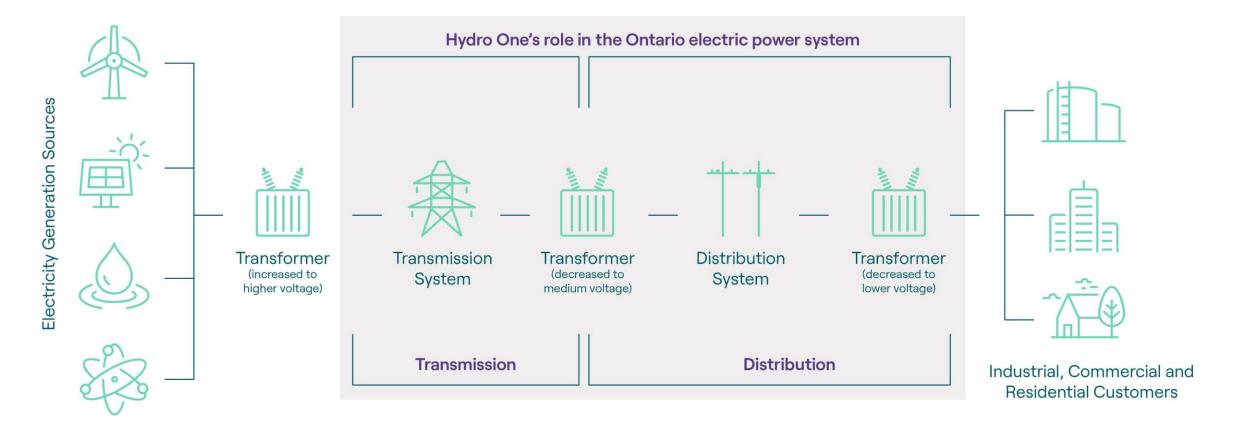


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## Our role in the electricity system



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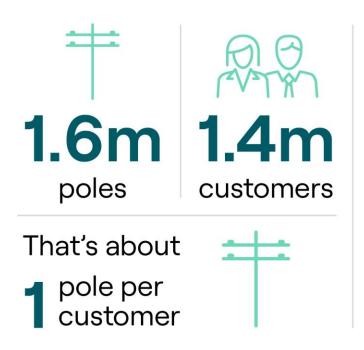


# Ontario's largest electricity transmitter and distributor

We serve customers across diverse and challenging terrain.

Given the unique territory, the average Hydro One customer experiences more frequent and longer outages than the average Ontarian.

#### Distribution



Our service territory covers **75%** of Ontario

#### Transmission

We energize approximately The province's clean energy mix means that **96%** of Canada's economy of Canada's economy

Attracting businesses to the province depends on a strong transmission system



# Renewing or replacing critical infrastructure

The majority of our system was built in the

1950s and 1960s

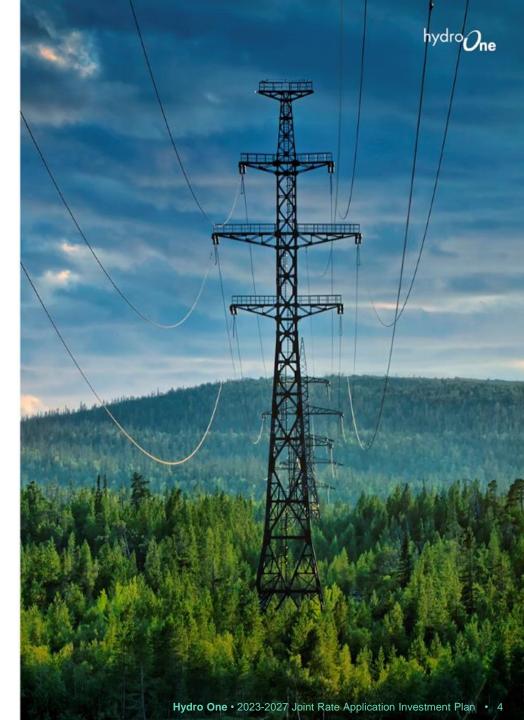
## 4,000 km

of high voltage power lines need to be replaced

## 1 in every 20

wooden poles is now at risk of failure

Nearly **1** in **4** steel transmission towers are more than **80** years old



### Improving resiliency and reliability and preparing for the impacts of climate change



We are experiencing more frequent and severe storms. In 2019, the average Hydro One customer was without power for more than



Between 2018 to 2020, an average of

## 100,000 customers

in hard-to-reach communities experienced more than

## 48 hours

a year without power.



## What customers told us

Every dollar we invest comes at a cost to our customers. We have developed an investment plan that directly reflects feedback from close to 50,000 Ontarians.

## 85%

of customers want us to replace aging infrastructure when or before it starts to deteriorate

## **60%**

would support proactive investments to prepare the system for more severe weather

**77%** want Hydro One to make the investments necessary to keep businesses running safely and reliably

## About Half

of customers wanted us to invest in infrastructure faster than our draft plan



## 2023-2027 Investment Plan

- On August 5, Hydro One filed our **2023-2027 investment plan for transmission and distribution** ("Joint Rate Application").
- The Plan proposes average annual capital investments of ~\$1.5 billion in Transmission and ~\$1.0 billion in Distribution in 2023-27.
  - The Investment Plan balances prudent investments to support reliability, safety, economic development and innovation against the impact on costs to customers.
  - These investments will support Ontario's diverse economy, from mining, to agriculture and forestry, to technology.
  - Continually renewing our aging infrastructure and improving reliability is critical to helping attract businesses and manufacturing to Ontario.
- These investments result in bill adjustments that are below the rate of inflation.
- Over the 5-year plan, the average annual increase to a typical residential customer will be 1.1% (0.3% in transmission and 0.8% in distribution).

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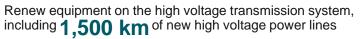
## Our plan to energize life

Our five-year plan invests in a resilient and sustainable electricity system to reduce the impacts of power outages for our distribution customers by approximately 25% and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Investments will be made in nearly every community.



Renewing or replacing critical infrastructure

#### Transmission





Replace **129** transformers and upgrade infrastructure at approximately **200** stations

#### Distribution

Upgrade equipment on the distribution system, including renewing or replacing approximately **65,000** wood poles

Replace **10%** of transformers



Improving resiliency and reliability and preparing for the impacts of climate change



Use automation and innovative solutions to reduce the impact of power outages for our distribution customers by approximately **25%** 



Prevent outages by removing dead and diseased trees that could strike power lines

Install **1,000** smart devices per year to improve resiliency for customers who experience the most power outages

Invest in taller and stronger poles to withstand more severe weather



Building a grid for the future to support economic growth and customer choice



Invest in new or upgraded infrastructure to accommodate community and industrial growth

Connect close to **18,000** new distribution customers each year



Install innovative energy battery and storage solutions to improve resiliency for those customers, including First Nations communities, by **60%** 

Modernize meters and associated infrastructure to enable future flexibility, choice and cost savings



## 2023-2027 Investment Plan

#### • CUSTOMER FOCUS:

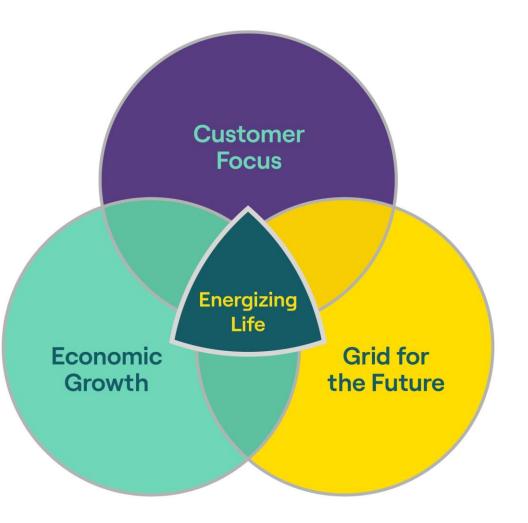
- As a customer and community-focused company, the Investment Plan puts people first.
- We listened to our customers and have taken action to meet their needs and address their priorities.

#### • ECONOMIC GROWTH:

- From Main Street to big industry, we are playing a critical role in Ontario's economic recovery.
- We are making investments in our power system to attract new businesses, sustain jobs and help communities grow.

#### • GRID FOR THE FUTURE:

• We are making necessary investments in a **smarter**, **sustainable and reliable electricity system** to energize life for families, business and communities now and in the future.



## **A Customer-Driven Plan**

- Our 2023-2027 Investment Plan strongly reflects customer needs and preferences, which were determined through a comprehensive 2-phase customer engagement process.
  - Over 48,000 First Nations and Metis representatives, stakeholders and customers of all sizes participated through various methods (focus groups, in-depth interviews, telephone surveys, and online workbooks).
- The result is an Investment Plan responsive to customer input, and refined based on trade-offs between specific investment costs, outcomes, and rate impacts.
- We heard how important it is to: (i) Proactively replace aging infrastructure to avoid more costly repair, maintenance and emergency work in the future; (ii) Make investments to improve reliability as well as service; and (iii) Make the system more resilient.
- Customer feedback incorporated into a final Plan, resulted in two key changes:
  - The pacing of distribution investments to improve system reliability through grid modernization was increased to reflect customer preferences; and
  - The replacement rate of distribution station transformers, transmission station transformers and transmission lines to improve reliability was increased slightly.

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## **Investments: Transmission**

#### Maintaining the System

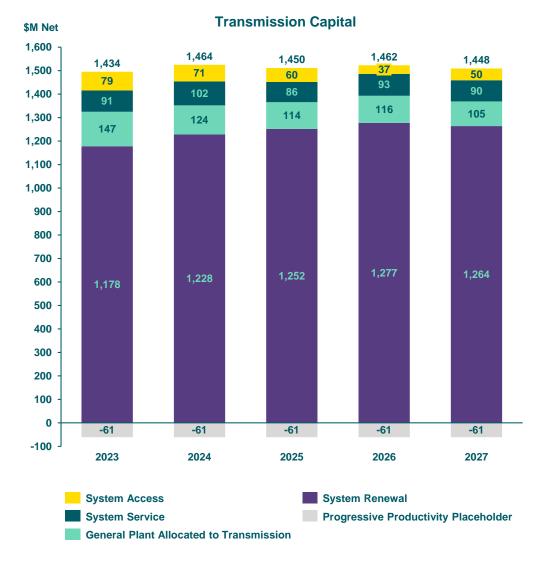
 Reinvesting in existing infrastructure to maintain the health of the system, sustain performance and address safety and environmental risk.



~\$3.5B to address station assets, including those which link major generation resources to major load centers and those that serve electric Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) and large industrial facilities



~\$1.9B to address lines assets, which serve smaller towns, First Nations communities and businesses, pipeline compressor stations, and large load facilities such as mines and paper mills





## **Investments: Distribution**

#### **New Infrastructure:**



**Modernize infrastructure** to detect, repair & restore power quicker (**improving reliability by ~25%** by 2027).



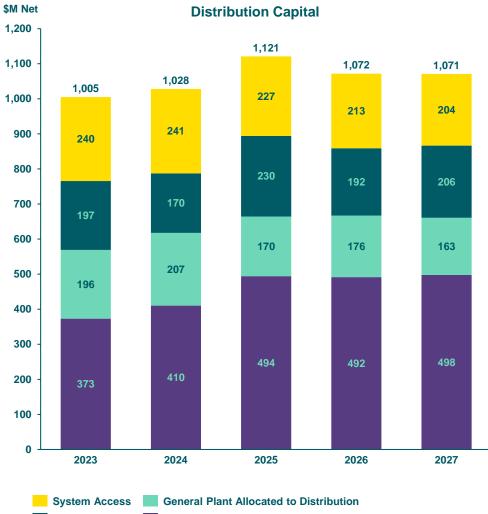
Significant investments to accommodate increase in regional load demand (e.g. \$170 million in the Leamington area to support the growth of the greenhouse sector, in addition to over \$200 million invested through 2022).

#### Maintaining the System:

Over \$560 million to address poor condition wood poles to maintain overall health of system, reduce likelihood of extended outages and enable broadband.



Mass meter and network replacement is planned over a 5-year period beginning in 2023



System Service System Renewal

Hydro One's plan will see the typical customer's bill increase by

A typical residential customer's monthly bill will increase by an average of

each year over the five-year period.

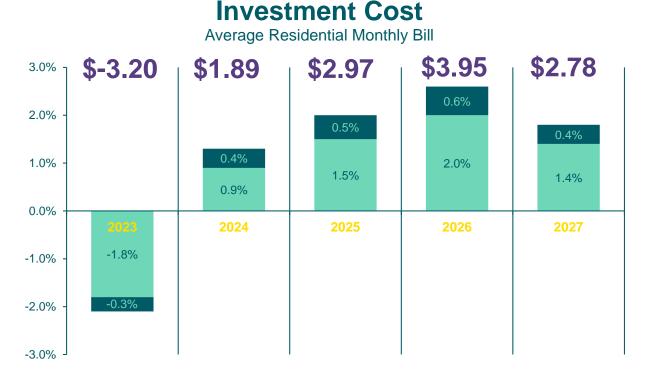
\$1.68

Distribution Transmission

expected inflation.

## less than

### Cost of plan



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### Capital investment driving rate base growth

Consistent and predictable organic growth profile underpinned by required replacement of aging infrastructure



#### **Projected Regulated Capital Investments\* (\$M)**



Subject to change upon OEB approval of Joint Rate Application for 2023 -2027.

Figures include investments in certain development projects of Hydro One Networks not included in the investment plan filed with the JRAP.

#### Comments

- · Organic growth underpinned by continued rate base expansion to both renew and modernize the grid
- · Material amounts of deteriorated, end-of-service life infrastructure must be upgraded or replaced
- · Customers supportive of replacing aging infrastructure that is in poor condition
- Equity issuance not anticipated for planned capital investment program which is self-funded

Historical and Projected Rate Base Growth\* (\$M)

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### **Constructive Rate Regulator (OEB) 2023-27**



#### Consistent, independent regulator with a transparent rate-setting process

- Transmission and Distribution businesses rate-regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB)
- Deemed debt / equity ratio of 60% / 40% for both transmission and distribution segments
- Reduced regulatory lag through forward-looking test years, revenue decoupling and adjustment mechanisms
- Application submitted August 5, 2021 for transmission and distribution under the OEB's Custom Incentive Rate Making model for 2023 2027 (5-year term)



1. Allowed ROE for 2023 for Transmission and Distribution is a placeholder as submitted in the Application until Q4 of 2022 when the OEB will release the final ROE.

- 2. Transmission rate base includes 100% of B2M LP, Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie Limited Partnership.
- 3. Distribution Rate Base includes recent LDC acquisitions (Peterborough Distribution Inc., Orillia Power Distribution Corporation) and Hydro One Remote Communities

### Segmented incentive regulatory construct 2023-27

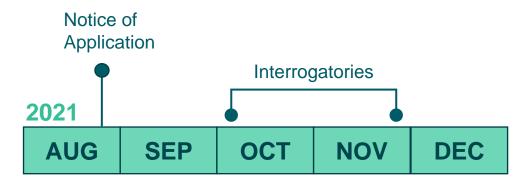


The transition from cost of service to incentive based regulatory model coincident with transformation of business will create value for both customers and shareholders

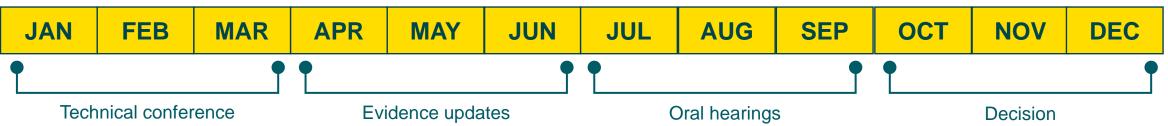
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Rebasing Year	2023							2023					
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	(A)	2023	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	2.20%	(A)		2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
	(B)	revenue	(0.30%)	(0.30%)	(0.30%)	(0.30%)	(B)	2023 revenue requirement of \$1,823 million	(0.00%)	(0.00%)	(0.00%)	(0.00%)	
	(C)	requirement of \$1,632	2.93%	2.41%	3.48%	2.56%	(C)		4.29%	2.63%	3.56%	1.68%	
	(D)	million	4.83%	4.31%	5.38%	4.46%	(D)		6.29%	4.63%	5.56%	3.68%	
Earnings Sharing Method	50% of earnings that exceed allowed ROE by more than 100 basis points in any year of the term of the filing shared with customers												
Allowed ROE	8.34% through test years (2023-2027)						8.34% th	8.34% through test years (2023-2027)					
Effective Rate Setting	January 1, 2023						January	January 1, 2023					

. Source: 2023-2027 Distribution and Transmission Revenue Requirement, Custom Revenue Cap Index Parameters and ROE as proposed in the joint Transmission and Distribution Application submitted on August 5, 2021

### **Expected next steps**



#### 2022







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