

Board Staff Interrogatories for Hydro One Inc. regarding the microFIT Proceeding (EB-2009-0326)

The following Board Staff interrogatories contain questions relating to the proceeding initiated by the Ontario Energy Board to determine and implement a distribution rate for embedded generators having a nameplate capacity of 10 kW or less.

References

- i. Evidence, Page 1
 - ii. EB-2009-0096, Exhibit G1, Tab 4, Schedule 5, Page 2
 - iii. EB-2009-0096, Exhibit G2-1-1, Attachment, Page 48
- The 1st reference provides a reference to EB-2009-0096.
 - The 2nd reference provides the metering credit for the Unmetered Scattered Load (USL) class.
 - The 3rd reference provides details of the metering credit calculation methodology.

Questions

In the 1st reference, Hydro One Distribution (HOD) has proposed using a fixed charge for micro-generators equivalent to the fixed charge credit provided to the USL class for meter related costs and stated that this is the same evidence as filed in EB-2009-0096. In the 2nd reference, this credit for the USL class is shown as \$6.15/month, based on the calculation methodology and data for the General Service Energy (GSe) class provided in the 3rd reference.

1. Please confirm if HOD proposes a fixed charge of \$6.15 based on the calculation for the GSe class.
 - a. If yes, please explain the rationale for using data relevant to the GSe class to calculate the fixed charge for micro-generators rather than using equivalent data for residential classes as the majority of micro-generators are expected to be installed by residential customers, and
 - b. If no, please provide the dollar value of the proposed fixed charge for micro-generators.
2. Please provide a calculation similar to the one provided for the GSe class in the 3rd reference for HOD's four residential classes:
 - a. Residential Urban (UR)
 - b. Residential Medium Density (R1)

- c. Residential Low Density (R2)
 - d. Seasonal Residential
3. Over and above the cost items provided in the 3rd reference, please explain if the following cost items were considered in the calculation of the fixed charge for micro-generators. If these items were considered, please explain the rationale for their exclusion in the determination of the microFIT rate. If these items were not considered, does HOD agree that they should be included in the determination of the microFIT rate?
- a. Operation Supervision and Engineering – Account 5005
 - b. Load Dispatching – Account 5010
 - c. Customer Billing – Account 5315