

Board Staff Interrogatories

2010 IRM3 Electricity Distribution Rates PowerStream Inc. ("PowerStream") EB-2009-0246

1. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account 2006 EDR LV

In the 2006 EDR application PowerStream included \$1,162,169 in LV Allocation as a Rate Adder. In 2007 and 2008 the price cap adjustment (GDP-IPI – X) was 0.9% and 1.1% respectively. This would have increased the 2007 and 2008 LV Allocation to \$1,172,629 and \$1,185,527 respectively. In the 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account Workform PowerStream has reported \$39,613 for 2008 additions for USoA 1550 LV Variance account.

	DVAWF		2006 EDR	
	Transactions (additions) during 2006/7/8, excluding interest and adjustments	Transactions (reductions) during 2006/7/8, excluding interest and adjustments	7-2 ALLOCATION - LV-Wheeling Cell L120	(GDP-IPI) - X
2006 \$	-	-	\$ 1,162,169	0.0%
2007 \$	-	-	\$ 1,172,629	0.9%
2008 \$	39,613	-	\$ 1,185,527	1.1%

- a) Please confirm that PowerStream has applied the 2006 EDR LV Allocation against Hydro One LV costs and that the balance shown in the Deferral Variance Account workform are net of the LV allocation and correct.
- b) If LV Allocation not applied or Account 1550 not correct please provide an explanation in respect to the accounting for the LV

2. Ref: 2010 IRM3Rate Generator – LV and 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account

Sheet "C3.1 Curr Low Voltage Vol Rt" of the 2010 IRM3Rate Generator are shown as below under the caption Rate Generator. The 2006 LV Allocation rate adders are shown in comparison from Sheet "8-2 RATES - LV-Wheeling" of the 2006 EDR.

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Rate Generator	Rebased LV	Rate Class	2006 EDR	LVRate
Residential	0.0001	Regular		0.00019
General Service Less Than 50 kW	0.0001	Regular		0.00019
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	0.0472	Regular		0.00020
Large Use	0.0558	Less than 50 kW		0.00016
Unmetered Scattered Load	0.0001	Less than 50 kW		0.00018
Sentinel Lighting	0.0401	Less than 50 kW		0.00018
Street Lighting	0.0367	Greater than 50 kW (to 3000 kW)		0.07103
		Greater than 50 kW (to 3000 kW)		0.07187
		Greater than 50 kW (to 3000 kW)		0.07835
		Greater than 50 kW Time of Use		0.08856
		Large Use (> 5000 kW)		0.09147
		Unmetered Scattered Load		0.00021
		Unmetered Scattered Load		0.00020
		Unmetered Scattered Load		0.00019
		Sentinel Lighting		0.04158
		Sentinel Lighting		0.08954
		Street Lighting		0.05581
		Street Lighting		0.06726
		Street Lighting		0.05370

- a) Please provide reference to the 2009 Cost of Service application that identifies the rate adders as shown under the Rate Generator.

3. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account 1588 -Power

The 2008 ending balances reported in the 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account workform prepared by PowerStream shows the split for account 1588 – Power and Global Adjustment. On October 15, 2009 the Board issued “Regulatory Audit and Accounting Bulletin 200901” which clarified the accounting rules for reporting the 1558 – Global Adjustment sub-account.

Account Description	Account Number	Total Claim H = C + D+ E + F + G
RSVA - Power (Excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	5,660,035
RSVA - Power (Global Adjustment Sub-account)		4,170,087

- a) Has PowerStream reviewed the Regulatory Audit & Accounting Bulletin 200901 dated October 15, 2009, and ensured that it has accounted for its account 1588 and sub-account Global Adjustment in accordance with this Bulletin?
- b) Has PowerStream made adjustments subsequent to filing the 2010 IRM3 application and need to re-file an updated 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account workform?

4. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Account 1588 – Global Adjustment

On November 13, 2009 Board Staff prepared a submission in the Enersource EB-2009-0193 2010 IRM3 Application. The following is an excerpt from the submission in respect to Board staff concerns with the current proposal for handling the disposition of the USoA 1588 – Global Adjustment.

The EDDVAR Report as well as the Board's Decision in EB-2009-0113 adopted an allocation of the GA sub-account balance based on kWh for non RPP customers by rate class. Traditionally this allocation would then be combined with all other allocated variance account balances by rate class. The combined balance by rate class would then be divided by the volumetric billing determinants (kWh or kW) from the most recent audited year end or Board approved forecast, if available. This process hence spreads the recovery or refund of allocated account balances to all customers in the affected rate class.

This method was factored on two premises; a) that the recovery/refund of a variance unique to a subset of customers within a rate class would not be unfair to the rate class as a whole and b) that the distributors' billing systems would not be able to bill a subset of customers within a rate class, without placing a significant burden to the distributor.

For these reason the Board's original Deferral Variance Account workflow was modelled on this basis. However based on Enersource's evidence, there could be material unfairness to RPP customers within the affected rate classes.

Therefore Board staff suggests that a separate rate rider be established to clear the GA sub-account balance to Non-RPP customers within rate classes.

What remains unclear to Board staff is whether Enersource's billing system could accommodate that change within a reasonable timeframe."

Board staff would like to poll PowerStream on the above issue.

- a) Board staff is proposing that a separate disposition rate rider be applied prospectively to Non-RPP customers for 1588 – Global Adjustment. Does PowerStream agree that this proposal would be fair to all customers? Why or why not?

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- b) If the Board were to order PowerStream to provide such a rate rider, would PowerStream's billing system be capable of billing non-RPP the separate rate rider? What complications, if any, would PowerStream see with this rate rider?
- c) If PowerStream were to be unable to bill in this fashion what would PowerStream consider proposing in the alternative?

5. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Billing Determinants

Below are the billing determinants identified on Sheet "B1.3 Rate Class And Bill Det" of the workform.

Rate Class	Billed Customers or Connections	Billed kWh	Billed kW
	A	B	C
Residential	218,157	2,034,450,648	
General Service Less Than 50 kW	23,700	803,126,540	
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	3,902	3,909,095,504	10,189,730
Large Use > 5000 kW	1	31,414,814	82,809
Unmetered Scattered Load	2,121	8,195,169	
Sentinel Lighting	142	682,931	1,750
Street Lighting	63,805	42,341,705	126,683

- a) Please identify if these values are from the PowerStream 2009 Cost of Service Application or 2008 RRR reported values.
- b) If the above are from the 2009 CoS application please provide reference to location in the application.
- c) If the above are from the 2008 RRR reported values, please explain why PowerStream has not used the 2009 CoS values.

6. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Billing Determinants

Below are the Billed kWh for Non-RPP customers identified on Sheet "B1.3 Rate Class And Bill Det" of the workform.

Rate Class	Billed kWh for Non-RPP customers D
Residential General Service Less Than 50 kW General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Large Use > 5000 kW Unmetered Scattered Load Sentinel Lighting Street Lighting	

- a) Please identify if these values estimated values or actual values and specify the applicable period.
- b) If the above values are estimated please explain why PowerStream is unable to determine actual.
- c) As discussed in one of the questions above Board staff have proposed a non-RPP customer rate rider for disposition of the 1588 – Global adjustment. If accepted would PowerStream support using the numbers above as the most reasonable denominator to be used for rate determination.
- d) If PowerStream were to establish a separate rate rider to dispose of the balance of the 1588 – Global adjustment sub-account, does PowerStream believe that the rider be applied to customers in the MUSH sector? If not, would PowerStream have the billing capability to exclude customers in the MUSH sector if a separate rate rider were to apply for the disposition of the 1588 – Global adjustment sub-account?

7. Ref: 2010 IRM Deferral Variance Total Claim

Below are the Total Claim values for the EDDVAR Group One Deferral Accounts.

Regulatory Assets - Continuity Schedule Final		
Account Description	Account Number	Total Claim H = C + D+ E + F + G
LV Variance Account	1550	39,888
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(3,921,094)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(3,970,538)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(3,875,757)
RSVA - Power (Excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	5,660,035
RSVA - Power (Global Adjustment Sub-account)		4,170,087
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590	552,044
Disposition and recovery of Regulatory Balances Account	1595	0
Total		(1,345,335)

- Please complete the amended Deferral Variance Account Workform V4 as found on the Board's website under the 2010 Electricity Distribution Rates update December 7, 2009. Note that Board staff can assist in converting your most recent model (either the one filed with your application or a more recent version if available). Please contact your case manager to assist you if need be.
- Please confirm if these are the final balances for disposition. If not the final balances please provide amended workform to support final balances for disposition.
- Please reconcile final balance for disposition to the 2008 year end account balance reported in the RRR filing. Please identify source and reason for variances.
- Please confirm that PowerStream has complied with and applied correctly the Boards accounting policy and procedures for calculation of the final disposition balance. If PowerStream has used other practices in the calculation please explain where in the filing and why?
- Please confirm that PowerStream has used the simple interest calculation as required by the Board using the Boards prescribed interest rates. If

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PowerStream has used other calculations please explain where in the filing and why?

- f) Please confirm that PowerStream has complied with the requirement to apply recoveries to principal first as outlined in the 2006 Regulatory Assets Transactions document issued September 4, 2009 (included in the Updated IRM Deferral and Variance Account Work Form zip file). If PowerStream has not complied with this requirement please explain why not?

8. Ref: Supplemental Module - Z-Factor Tax Changes

Sheet "F1.1 Z-Factor Tax Changes" of the supplemental module shows Grossed-Up Tax Amount as \$6,038,929 while the 2009 RRWF sheet "3.Taxes_PILs" shows Grossed-Up Income Taxes as \$5,812,063.

- a) Please review and advise of the correct amount.

9. Ref: Supplemental Module - Revenue Offsets Allocation

Sheet "C1.2 Revenue Offsets Allocation" of the supplemental module shows Informational Filing Revenue Offsets

Rate Class	Informational Filing Revenue Offsets A
Residential	3,627,310
General Service Less Than 50 kW	1,588,671
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	1,248,751
Large Use	904
Unmetered Scattered Load	86,559
Sentinel Lighting	545
Street Lighting	15,306
	6,568,046

- a) Please provide reference to the 2009 Cost of Service application that identifies the above Informational Filing Revenue Offsets.

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10. Harmonized Sales Tax

It is possible that the PST and GST may be harmonized effective July 1, 2010. Unlike the GST, the PST is included as an OM&A expense and is also included in capital expenditures. If the GST and PST are harmonized, corporations would see a reduction in OM&A expenses and capital expenditures.

In the event that PST and GST are harmonized effective July 1, 2010:

- a) Would PowerStream agree to capture in a variance account the reductions in OM&A and capital expenditures?
- b) Are there other alternatives that the Board might consider to reflect the reductions in OM&A and capital expenditures if this bill is enacted?