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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Kristen Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. (EB-2012-0152)
Application for 2013 Electricity Distribution Rates
Responses – Board Staff Interrogatories**

Please find attached a complete copy of Board Staff's interrogatory responses.

Two hard copies of this submission will be sent via courier. An electronic copy of the response in PDF format will be submitted through the Ontario Energy Board's RESS.

An electronic copy of the response in PDF format will be forwarded via email to the Interveners as follows:

Donald Rennick
a) Donald Rennick, Independent Participant

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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RTSR Adjustment Work Form

1. *Ref: A portion of Sheet 4 "RRR Data" is reproduced below.*

Please confirm that the amounts entered into the columns "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh" and "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW" have not been adjusted by NBHDL's Board-approved loss factor.

Response:

North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. (NBHDL) confirms that the amounts entered into the columns "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh" and "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW" have not been adjusted by NBHDL's Board-approved loss factor.

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2. Ref: Sheet 6 "Historical Data"

A portion of Sheet 6 "Historical Wholesale" of the workform is reproduced below.

- a) Please explain why the Network rate for March is \$1.86 (Cell E45) instead of \$2.65, the Line Connection rate is \$0.45 instead of \$0.64 (Cell I45) and the Transformation Connection rate is \$1.05 (Cell M45) instead of \$1.50 as provided on Sheet 5 UTRs and Sub-Transmission. If these rates are in error, Board staff will make the corrections.

Response:

The March 2011 invoice from Hydro One was pro-rated by a factor of .70 resulting in reduced amounts for Network, Line Connection and Transformation Connection charges.

- b) Please indicate if both the "Units Billed" and "Amount" inputs for the month of March are correct, or if not, please provide the corrected amounts and Board staff will make the necessary corrections.

Response:

The "Units Billed" and "Amount" inputs for the month of March are correct based on the Hydro One invoice.

2013 IRM Rate Generator

3. Ref: A portion of sheet 5 "2013 Continuity Schedule" from the Rate Generator is reproduced below.

Account 1595 – Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances

- a) Board staff has been unable to reconcile the amount recorded in column "CH31" for Account 1595 with the amounts in Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements ("RRR") report 2.1.7 Trial Balance. Please provide an explanation why this amount is not recorded in RRR as instructed by the Board in its EB-2010-0102 Decision & Order (page 4).

Response:

The amount submitted by NBHDL in the 2011 2.1.7 included the following:

2008 Regulatory Balances*	\$34,435.80
H1 2010 RAR General	(\$3,681.75)
2011 IRM – Shared Tax Savings	<u>(\$16,404.70)</u>
Total Account 1595 per RRR 2.1.7	\$14,349.35

**Closing principal balance (\$664,619.32) and closing interest balance \$699,055.12*

Per the Board's Decision & Order in EB-2010-0102 (page 4), NBHDL recorded (\$16,285.00) in Account 1595 in 2011. The net amount of (\$16,404.70) includes carrying charges of (\$119.70).

In the 2012 IRM process NBHDL was ordered to dispose of the remaining balance of the 2008 regulatory accounts as at December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$32,978.43. The amounts included in Sheet 5 are those related to the 2008 regulatory balances only; this creates a variance to the amount submitted in the 2011 RRR 2.1.7 of (\$20,086.45) reported in column "CH31" and this is the H1 2010 RAR General and 2011 STS amounts shown above. It should be noted that the difference between the approved disposition amount of \$32,978.43 and the G/L balance of \$34,435.80 results in a closing balance of \$1,457.38 for 2012 within Sheet 5 (column "CB31") and is related to customer adjustments subsequent to the Board's decision.

2013 IRM Rate Generator

3. Ref: A portion of sheet 5 "2013 Continuity Schedule" from the Rate Generator is reproduced below.

Account 1562 – Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes

- a) Please confirm that the balance previously approved for disposition in Account 1562 is \$795,863 and the amount reported in the RRR as of December 31, 2011 is \$793,146

Response:

The balance previously approved for disposition in Account 1562 was \$795,863 and the amount reported in the RRR as of December 31, 2011 was \$793,146. The difference of \$2,717 is related to 2012 carrying charges.

- b) Did NBHDL transfer the amount previously approved for disposition (i.e. \$795,863) to Account 1595? If not, why not?

Response:

NBHDL transferred the approved amount of \$795,863 to Account 1595 in 2012.