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**BY E-MAIL**

November 14, 2012

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Burlington Hydro Inc.  
2013 IRM Distribution Rate Application  
Board Staff Interrogatories  
Board File No. EB-2012-0110**

In accordance with the Notice of Application and Hearing, please find attached Board Staff interrogatories in the above proceeding. Please forward the following to Burlington Hydro Inc. and to all other registered parties to this proceeding.

In addition please advise Burlington Hydro Inc. that responses to interrogatories are due by December 10, 2012.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Suresh Advani

Encl.

**Burlington Hydro Inc.  
2013 Electricity Distribution Rates  
EB-2012-0110  
Board Staff Interrogatories**

**1. Rural Rate Protection Charge ("RRPC")**

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet "4. Current Tariff Schedule" from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge - effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rural Rate Protection Charge - effective on and after May 1, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Board staff notes that the Board's Decision (EB-2011-0405)<sup>1</sup> dated December 21, 2011 stated that effective May 1, 2012 the Rural Rate Protection Charge would be reduced to \$0.11/kWh from its previous value of \$0.13/kWh.

If the value provided in the Rate Generator Model is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Documents/Decisions/dec\\_rateorder\\_rrrp\\_20111221.pdf](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Documents/Decisions/dec_rateorder_rrrp_20111221.pdf)

## 2. Recovery of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet “4. Current Tariff Schedule” from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

Rate Rider for Recovery of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – Effective until March 31, 2013	\$
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Board staff notes that the “Effective until” date for the “Rate Rider for Recovery of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs” for the Residential, General Service Less Than 50 kW and General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate classifications are shown as March 31, 2013.

Board staff further notes that Burlington’s current tariff<sup>2</sup> implemented on July 1, 2012 shows the “effective until” date as April 30, 2013.

- a. If the input into the Rate Generator model is an error, Board staff will make the necessary correction.

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[http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/353310/view/Rate%20Order\\_Burlington\\_Smart%20Meter\\_20120712.PDF](http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/353310/view/Rate%20Order_Burlington_Smart%20Meter_20120712.PDF)

### 3. Group 1 Accounts

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet "5. 2013 Continuity Schedule" from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

Account Descriptions	Account Number	2012				Projected Interest on Dec-31-11 Balances		2.1.7 RRR		Variance RRR vs. 2011 Balance (Principal + Interest)
		Principal Dispositions during 2012 - instructed by Board	Interest Dispositions during 2012 - instructed by Board	Closing Principal Balances as of Dec 31-11 Adjusted for Dispositions	Closing Interest Balances as of Dec 31-11 Adjusted for Dispositions during 2012	Projected Interest from Jan 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 on Dec 31-11 balance adjusted for disposition during 2012	Projected Interest from January 1, 2013 to April 30, 2013 on Dec 31-11 balance adjusted for disposition during 2012	Total Claim	As of Dec 31-11	
<b>Group 1 Accounts</b>										
LV Variance Account	1550	(255,807)	(7,115)	0	1,243	0	0	1,243	(201,728)	0
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1550	(2,165,508)	(50,975)	(1,683,807)	11,252	(24,752)	(8,251)	(1,705,555)	(3,943,318)	39,725
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1554	329,658	12,270	290,131	10,778	4,265	1,422	306,656	619,788	(23,046)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(377,340)	(7,537)	68,179	10,950	1,062	334	80,465	(308,160)	(3,412)
RSVA - Power (excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	(1,940,095)	45,949	(1,145,377)	150,964	(10,837)	(5,612)	(1,016,863)	30,480	2,919,030
RSVA - Power - Sub-account - Global Adjustment	1588	1,550,768	23,664	1,295,573	(37,798)	20,515	6,838	1,385,219	0	(2,932,297)
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590		1	0	0			0	0	(1)
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2008) <sup>3</sup>	1595			0	0	0		0	0	0
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Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2010) <sup>3</sup>	1595			0	0	0		0	0	0
Group 1 Sub-Total (including Account 1558 - Global Adjustment)		(2,858,363)	16,253	(1,075,302)	147,480	(15,807)	(5,269)	(945,895)	(3,769,936)	(3)
Group 1 Sub-Total (excluding Account 1558 - Global Adjustment)		(4,409,131)	(7,411)	(2,470,875)	185,188	(30,322)	(12,107)	(2,334,116)	(3,769,936)	2,932,294
RSVA - Power - Sub-account - Global Adjustment	1588	1,550,768	23,664	1,295,573	(37,798)	20,515	6,838	1,385,219	0	(2,932,297)
Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1562			0	0			0	0	0
Total of Group 1 and Account 1562		(2,858,363)	16,253	(1,075,302)	147,480	(15,807)	(5,269)	(945,895)	(3,769,936)	(3)
Special Purpose Charge Assessment Variance Account <sup>3</sup>	1521			0	0			0	0	0
LRAM Variance Account	1568			0	0			0	0	0
Total including Accounts 1562, 1521 and 1568		(2,858,363)	16,253	(1,075,302)	147,480	(15,807)	(5,269)	(945,895)	(3,769,936)	(3)

Table 2 from Burlington's 2012 IRM Decision (EB-2011-0155)<sup>3</sup> which identifies the principal and interest amounts approved for disposition, is reproduced below.

Table 2

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance A	Interest Balance B	Total Claim C = A + B
LV Variance Account	1550	-257,968	-5,004	-262,972
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	-2,174,130	-42,357	-2,216,487
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	335,480	6,448	341,928
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	-377,496	-7,381	-384,877
RSVA - Power (excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	-1,856,189	-37,947	-1,894,136
RSVA - Power - Global Adjustment Sub-Account	1588	1,544,100	30,332	1,574,432
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590	1		1
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2008)	1595			
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2009)	1595			
<b>Group 1 Total</b>				<b>-2,842,111</b>

Board staff notes that for each Group 1 Account, the total of the 2012 columns in the Rate Generator Model, i.e.:

- Principal Disposition during 2012 – instructed by Board; and
- Interest Disposition during 2012 – instructed by Board

reconciles with the Total Claim column in Table 2 above from the 2012 IRM Decision.

Board staff further notes that on an individual basis, the Principal and Interest columns in the former do not reconcile with their counterparts in the latter.

- a. Please explain this discrepancy and update the evidence where required.

Board staff also notes that although the variance amounts for all Group 1 Accounts shown in the last column of the Rate Generator Model reference add to zero, there are variances for each individual Group 1 Account.

- b. Please explain the non-zero values of the variance amounts.

#### 4. Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2013)

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet “11. Proposed Rates” from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2013) - effective until May 01, 2014	\$/kW	(0.0001)
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Board staff notes a Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2013) of \$/kW (0.0001) for the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW and Street Lighting service classifications in the proposed tariff.

Board staff is unable to find the trail to support this rate rider.

- a. If the input into the Rate Generator model is an error, Board staff will make the necessary correction.

## 5. Non-Loss Adjusted Metered Billed kWh and kW

Ref: RTSR Model

A portion of Sheet “4. RRR Data” from the RTSR Model is reproduced below.

Rate Class	Unit	Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh	Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW	Applicable Loss Factor	Load Factor	Loss Adjusted Billed kWh	Billed kW
Residential	kWh	550,670,804		1.0405		572,972,972	-
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	174,107,040		1.0405		181,158,375	-
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	kW	289,067,697	740,043		53.54%	289,067,697	740,043
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Interval Metered	kW	654,007,368	1,674,326		53.54%	654,007,368	1,674,326
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	3,296,166		1.0405		3,429,661	-
Street Lighting	kW	10,207,739	27,304		51.24%	10,207,739	27,304

- 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 Burlington’s Board-approved loss factor.