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November 22, 2012

Kirsten Walli
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Ontario Energy Board,
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Suite 2700, P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: OEB File No. EB-2012-0154
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
2013 Distribution Rate Adjustment Application**

Please find enclosed, Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s responses to Board Staff's interrogatories in the above noted proceeding.

Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board
Act, 1998, being Schedule B to the Energy
Competition Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. to
the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or
Orders approving or fixing just and reasonable
rates and other service charges for the
distribution of electricity as of May 1, 2013.

**Oakville Hydro's Responses to Board Staff
Interrogatories**

EB-2012-0154

Filed November 22, 2012

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RTSR Workform

Interrogatory #1

Ref: RTSR Workform, Tab 5 – “UTRs and Sub-Transmission”

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates		Unit	Effective January 1, 2011	Effective January 1, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013
Rate Description			Rate	Rate	Rate
Network Service Rate		kW	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.65
Line Connection Service Rate		kW	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64
Transformation Connection Service Rate		kW	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate		kW	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.14	\$ 2.14

Ref: RTSR Workform, Tab 6 – “Historical Wholesale”

Hydro One	Network			Line Connection			Transformation Connection			Total Line
Month	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Amount
January	58,305	\$2.65	\$ 154,508	58,305	\$1.50	\$ 87,457		\$0.00		\$ 87,457
February	56,905	\$2.65	\$ 150,798	56,798	\$1.50	\$ 85,197		\$0.00		\$ 85,197
March	52,665	\$2.65	\$ 139,535	52,762	\$1.50	\$ 79,143		\$0.00		\$ 79,143
April	63,984	\$2.65	\$ 169,558	63,984	\$1.50	\$ 95,976		\$0.00		\$ 95,976
May	84,970	\$2.65	\$ 225,170	84,970	\$1.50	\$ 127,455		\$0.00		\$ 127,455
June	109,087	\$2.65	\$ 289,082	109,087	\$1.50	\$ 163,631		\$0.00		\$ 163,631
July	97,419	\$2.65	\$ 258,160	97,419	\$1.50	\$ 146,128		\$0.00		\$ 146,128
August	66,277	\$2.65	\$ 175,633	66,277	\$1.50	\$ 99,415		\$0.00		\$ 99,415
September	75,872	\$2.65	\$ 201,060	76,783	\$1.50	\$ 115,174		\$0.00		\$ 115,174
October	76,518	\$2.65	\$ 202,773	77,584	\$1.50	\$ 116,377		\$0.00		\$ 116,377
November	72,381	\$2.65	\$ 191,809	72,688	\$1.50	\$ 109,032		\$0.00		\$ 109,032
December	48,665	\$2.65	\$ 128,963	48,665	\$1.50	\$ 72,998		\$0.00		\$ 72,998
Total	863,038	\$ 2.65	\$ 2,287,049	865,322	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,297,983	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,297,983

Board staff notes that on Tab 6 of the workform, Oakville Hydro has entered a Line Connection rate of \$1.50. As seen on Tab 5, since January of 2011, the applicable Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rate for Line Connection has been \$0.64.

- (A) Please confirm if Oakville Hydro agrees with the above statement. If Oakville Hydro agrees, Board staff will make the necessary corrections to the workform.

RESPONSE:

Oakville Hydro entered the Transformation Connection information into the Line Connection columns in error. Oakville Hydro asks that Board staff make the necessary corrections to the RTSR Model at Tab 6 and enter the proposed RSTR Connection rates in the Rate Generator at tab 11.

The corrected tables are provided below.

RTSR Workform, Tab 6 – “Historical Wholesale”

Hydro One	Network			Line Connection			Transformation Connection			Total Line
Month	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Amount
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Proposed Rates RSTR Network and Connection Rates

Rate Class	Unit	Proposed RTSR Network	Proposed RTSR Connection
Residential	kWh	\$ 0.0076	\$ 0.0056
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	\$ 0.0070	\$ 0.0050
General Service 50 to 999 kW	kW	\$ 2.6237	\$ 1.8873
General Service 50 to 999 kW - Interval Metered	kW	\$ 2.7085	\$ 1.9484
General Service Greater Than 1,000 kW	kW	\$ 2.7085	\$ 1.9484
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	\$ 0.0070	\$ 0.0050
Sentinel Lighting	kW	\$ 0.5259	\$ 0.3783
Street Lighting	kW	\$ 2.1888	\$ 1.5745

- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide Oakville Hydro's reasoning for the Hydro One Line Connection rate of \$1.50.

RESPONSE:

Please see response to part (A).

Interrogatory #2

Ref: RTSR Workform, Tab 4 – “RRR Data”

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	588,602,040		1.0377		610,792,336	-
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	167,240,079		1.0377		173,545,030	-
General Service 50 to 999 kW	kW	221,485,154	492,177		61.68%	221,485,154	492,177
General Service 50 to 999 kW - Interval Metered	kW	380,826,050	1,098,323		47.52%	380,826,050	1,098,323
General Service Greater Than 1,000 kW	kW	148,964,252	338,497		60.32%	148,964,252	338,497
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	3,663,023		1.0377		3,801,119	-
Sentinel Lighting	kW	122,878	341		49.34%	122,878	341
Street Lighting	kW	11,596,323	32,424		49.02%	11,596,323	32,424

- (A) 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 Oakville Hydro’s Board-approved loss factor.

RESPONSE:

Oakville Hydro confirms that the amounts entered into the columns “Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh” and “Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW” have not been adjusted by Oakville Hydro’s Board-approved loss factor.

Rate Generator Model

Interrogatory #3

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 4 – “Current Tariff Schedule”

Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery / Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery (2010) - effective until April 30, 2014

Board staff notes that for the General Service 50-999 kW and General Service Greater than 1000 kW rate classes, the line item “Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery” shows the approved disposition year to be 2010. Board staff notes that this rate rider appears to have been approved to be disposed in 2011, as seen on Oakville Hydro’s current tariff.

- (A) If Oakville Hydro agrees, please confirm, and Board staff will update the year as required for all applicable line items.

RESPONSE:

Oakville Hydro confirms that the Board approved disposition year for the Residential, General Service 50-999 kW and General Service Greater than 1,000 kW rate classes “Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery” is 2010¹.

- (B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide an explanation for this discrepancy.

RESPONSE:

Oakville Hydro’s 2011 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (“IRM”) application included the line item “Distribution Volumetric Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/ Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2014 for its Residential, General Service 50-999 kW and General Service Greater than 1,000 kW rate classes²”. However, the line item was renamed in the final Board approved tariff

¹ The Board’s Decision and Rate Order in Oakville Hydro’s 2010 Cost of Service Application, Appendix B, Tariff or Rates and Charges, pages 1, 3, and 4 – EB-2009-0271.

² Oakville Hydro’s 2011 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (“IRM”) Application, Proposed Tariff Sheet, Pages 29 to 30 – EB-2010-0104.

of rates and charges. Oakville Hydro has reviewed the current tariff of rates and charges and respectfully requests that Board staff correct the tariff of rates and charges to show the disposition year as 2010.

Interrogatory #4

Ref: A portion of the Rate Generator Model, Tab 11 – “Proposed Rates”

Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2013) - effective until May 01, 2014

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2013) - effective until May 01, 2014

Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers

Board staff notes that for all applicable rate classes, the rate riders for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition and Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition have an “effective until” date of May 1, 2014 on Oakville Hydro’s proposed tariff. Board staff notes that Oakville Hydro has requested a one year disposition period, and as such, the “effective until” date should be April 30, 2014.

(A) Please confirm if Oakville Hydro agrees with the above statement. If yes, Board staff will update the model and proposed tariff.

RESPONSE:

Oakville Hydro agrees with the above statement and requests that Board staff update the model and the proposed tariff.

Interrogatory #5

Following publication of the Notice of Application, the Board received one letter of comment which was forwarded to the Board by Oakville Hydro. Please confirm whether a reply was sent from the applicant to the author of the letter. If confirmed, please file that reply with the Board. Please ensure that the author's contact information except for the name is redacted. If not confirmed, please explain why a response was not sent and confirm if the applicant intends to respond.

RESPONSE:

The author of the letter of comment, Mr. Skeoch, visited Oakville Hydro's office at 861 Redwood Square in the Town of Oakville on Monday October 22, 2012. Mr. Skeoch met with Oakville Hydro's Manager of Regulatory Affairs who explained that the increase in Oakville Hydro's distribution rates was a mechanistic adjustment that was made annually in accordance with the Board's requirements. Mr. Skeoch was advised that he could participate in the proceeding by submitting a written letter of comment to the Board or by requesting Observer or Intervenor status. Oakville Hydro followed up with Mr. Skeoch by email on Tuesday October 23, 2012. A redacted copy of that email, along with Mr. Skeoch's reply, is provided on the following page.

Maryanne Wilson

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Maryanne Wilson
Subject: Re: Electricity rate change

Yes, I would like you to forward my comments, but I will not be attending the hearing. Thanks for your co-operation.

John Skeoch

---- Original Message ----

From: Maryanne Wilson <mwilson@oakvillehydro.com>
To:
Sent: Tue, Oct 23, 2012 9:43 am
Subject: FW: Electricity rate change
Hello Mr. Skeoch,
Thank you for your email. It was nice to meet with you and listen to your concerns.

As we discussed yesterday, I will send your comments to the Ontario Energy Board on your behalf. Please note that the Ontario Energy Board will remove any personal contact information from your email (i.e. email address). However, your name and the content of the email will become part of the public record. If you wish to become an observer or an intervenor in this proceeding please follow the directions in the Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change published in the Oakville Beaver on October 18, 2012.

Please confirm that you would like me to submit your comments to the Ontario Energy Board.

Sincerely,

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