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BY E-MAIL

September 26, 2013

Kirsten Walli
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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Grimsby Power Inc. ("GPI")
2014 IRM Distribution Rate Application
Board Staff Interrogatories
Board File No. EB-2013-0132**

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

In addition please advise GPI that responses to interrogatories are due by October 16, 2013.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Suresh Advani

Encl.

**Grimsby Power Inc. ("GPI")
2014 Electricity Distribution Rates
EB-2013-0132
Board Staff Interrogatories**

1. Smart Metering Entity Charge("SMEC")

Ref: Rate Generator Model

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

RESIDENTIAL Service Classification

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component (If applicable, Effective Date MUST be included in rate description)		
Service Charge	\$	15.27
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0032)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0215
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW Service Classification

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component (If applicable, Effective Date MUST be included in rate description)		
Service Charge	\$	25.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0127
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0032)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0215
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045

Board staff notes that the Board's Decision (EB-2012-0211)¹ dated March 28, 2013 stated that effective May 1, 2013 the SMEC to be levied and collected by Distributors identified in the Board's annual *Yearbook of Electricity Distributors*

¹ http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/EB-2012-0100/dec_order_IESO-SME_20130328.pdf

from Residential and General Service <50kW customers shall be \$0.79 per month.

Board staff further notes that the current tariff schedule in GPI's Rate Generator Model does not list the SMEC for Residential and General Service <50kW customers.

- a. If the omission of the SMEC in the Rate Generator Model is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction.

2. 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	93,033,674		1.0526		97,927,245	-
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	18,390,206		1.0526		19,357,530	-
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	kW	15,860,595	54,693		39.75%	15,860,595	54,693
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Interval Metered	kW	51,909,538	128,629		55.31%	51,909,538	128,629
Street Lighting	kW	1,581,189	4,368		49.62%	1,581,189	4,368
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	384,963		1.0526		405,212	-

- 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 GPI’s Board-approved loss factor.

3. Transformer Allowance Credit

Ref: RTSR Model

A portion of Sheet “5. UTRs and Sub-Transmission” from the RTSR Model is reproduced below.

		Historical 2012	Current 2013	Forecast 2014
Transformer Allowance Credit (if applicable, enter as a negative value)	\$	-\$ 33,000	-\$ 33,000	-\$ 33,000

Board staff notes that the value provided above by GPI corresponds to the transformer ownership allowance² related to GPI's General Service 50 to 4,999 kW customer class. Board staff further notes that the RTSR Model was updated to reflect that this line should be used only for distributors that receive a credit from Hydro One for owning low voltage switchgears. Board staff is of the view that these values should be zero.

- a. If GPI is in agreement, Board staff will make the relevant correction.

² 2012 cost-of service rate application, EB-2011-0273, exhibit 8/page 16/table 8.12.
http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/290955/view/Grimsby_APPL_COS_20110816.PDF

4. Transformation Connection Rate

Ref: RTSR Model

A portion of Sheet “5. UTRs and Sub-Transmission” from the RTSR Model is reproduced below.

Uniform Transmission Rates	Unit	Effective January 1, 2012	Effective January 1, 2013	Effective January 1, 2014
Rate Description		Rate	Rate	Rate
Network Service Rate	kW	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.63
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.85

A portion of Sheet “6. Historical Wholesale” from the RTSR Model is reproduced below.

IESO	Network			Line Connection			Transformation Connection		
Month	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount
January	19,516	\$3.57	\$ 69,672	19,516	\$0.80	\$ 15,613	19,516	\$1.77	\$ 34,543
February	17,330	\$3.57	\$ 61,868	18,360	\$0.80	\$ 14,688	18,360	\$1.77	\$ 32,498
March	18,065	\$3.57	\$ 64,493	18,065	\$0.80	\$ 14,452	18,065	\$1.77	\$ 31,975
April	15,794	\$3.57	\$ 56,384	16,286	\$0.80	\$ 13,029	16,286	\$1.77	\$ 28,827
May	22,993	\$3.57	\$ 82,085	22,993	\$0.80	\$ 18,394	22,993	\$1.77	\$ 40,698
June	27,273	\$3.57	\$ 97,363	27,273	\$0.80	\$ 21,818	27,273	\$1.77	\$ 48,273
July	28,525	\$3.57	\$ 101,835	28,525	\$0.80	\$ 22,820	28,525	\$1.77	\$ 50,490
August	24,869	\$3.57	\$ 88,781	26,263	\$0.80	\$ 21,010	26,263	\$1.77	\$ 46,486
September	23,148	\$3.57	\$ 82,639	23,386	\$0.80	\$ 18,709	23,386	\$1.77	\$ 41,394
October	17,532	\$3.57	\$ 62,588	17,778	\$0.80	\$ 14,223	17,778	\$1.77	\$ 31,467
November	18,686	\$3.57	\$ 66,710	18,686	\$0.80	\$ 14,949	18,686	\$1.77	\$ 33,075
December	18,922	\$3.57	\$ 67,550	18,717	\$0.80	\$ 14,973	18,717	\$1.77	\$ 33,128
Total	252,652	\$ 3.57	\$ 901,969	255,849	\$ 0.80	\$ 204,679	255,849	\$ 1.77	\$ 452,853

Board staff notes that the Transformation Connection rate used by GPI in Sheet 6 is \$1.77, whereas Sheet 5 indicates a rate of \$1.86, effective January 1, 2012.

- If the Transformation Connection rate of \$1.77 in Sheet 6 is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction to \$1.86.