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**BY E-MAIL**

September 26, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Parry Sound Power Corporation (“Parry Sound Power”)  
2014 IRM Distribution Rate Application  
Board Staff Interrogatories  
Board File No. EB-2013-0164**

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

In addition please advise Parry Sound Power that responses to interrogatories are due by October 17, 2013.

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

Suresh Advani

Encl.

**Parry Sound Power Corporation (“Parry Sound Power”)  
2014 Electricity Distribution Rates  
EB-2013-0164  
Board Staff Interrogatories**

**1. Rate Year**

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet “1. Information Sheet” from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

<b>Utility Name</b>	Parry Sound Power Corporation
<b>Service Territory</b>	Parry Sound
<b>Assigned EB Number</b>	EB-2013-0164
<b>Name of Contact and Title</b>	Sylvia Roy, Finance & Regulatory Officer
<b>Phone Number</b>	(705) 746-5866 ext. 30
<b>Email Address</b>	sroy@pspower.ca
<b>We are applying for rates effective</b>	January 1, 2014
<b>Rate-Setting Method</b>	IRM 4
<b>Please indicate in which Rate Year the Group 1 accounts were last cleared<sup>1</sup></b>	2012

Board staff notes that the Board’s Decision (EB-2012-0344/EB-2012-0159)<sup>1</sup> dated December 6, 2012 and related to Parry Sound Power’s 2013 IRM rate application directed the disposition of Group 1 balances. Board staff further notes that the box in Sheet 1 of the Rate Generator Model pertaining to “Please indicate in which Rate Year the Group 1 accounts were last cleared<sup>1</sup>” indicates 2012.

<sup>1</sup>

[http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/375828/view/dec\\_order\\_Parry\\_Sound\\_20121206.PDF](http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/375828/view/dec_order_Parry_Sound_20121206.PDF)

- a. If the rate year (2012) provided in Sheet 1 is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction to 2013.

## 2. microFIT rate class

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet “3. Rate Class Selection” from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

<b>Rate Class Classification</b>	
<b>1</b>	RESIDENTIAL
<b>2</b>	GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW
<b>3</b>	GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW
<b>4</b>	UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD
<b>5</b>	SENTINEL LIGHTING
<b>6</b>	STREET LIGHTING

Board staff notes that the microFIT rate classification is not included in the Rate Classification Classification list provided in Sheet 3 of the Rate Generator Model. Board staff further notes that Parry Sound Power’s current Tariff of Rates and Charges (effective January 1, 2013) indicates a rate for the microFIT rate classification.

- a. If this is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction to Sheet 3.

### 3. 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 <u>(If applicable, Effective Date MUST be included in rate description)</u>		
Service Charge	\$	21.90
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2014	\$	3.70
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	4.11
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0175
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0036)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0109
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0066)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Deferred Revenue - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0030
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0026)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

#### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW Service Classification

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component <u>(If applicable, Effective Date MUST be included in rate description)</u>		
Service Charge	\$	32.73
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2014	\$	9.86
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	8.52
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0134
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0008
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0036)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) - effective until February 28, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0109
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until December 31, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0066)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Deferred Revenue - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0005
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0017)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038

Board staff notes that the Board's Decision (EB-2012-0211)<sup>2</sup> 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* from Residential and General Service <50kW customers shall be \$0.79 per month.

Board staff further notes that the current tariff schedule in Parry Sound Power'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.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/EB-2012-0100/dec\\_order\\_IESO-SME\\_20130328.pdf](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/EB-2012-0100/dec_order_IESO-SME_20130328.pdf)

#### 4. Wholesale Market Service Rate (“WMSR”) and 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	\$/kWh 0.0011
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ 0.25

Board staff notes that the Board’s Decision (EB-2013-0067)<sup>3</sup> dated April 2, 2013 stated that effective May 1, 2013, the WMSC shall be 0.0044 \$/kWh and the RRPC shall be 0.0012 \$/kWh.

Board staff further notes that the current tariff schedule in Sheet 4 of Parry Sound Power’s Rate Generator Model indicates for all customer classes WMSC as 0.0052 \$/kWh and RRPC as 0.0011 \$/kWh.

- a. If the values of WMSC and RRPC provided in Sheet 4 are an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction.

<sup>3</sup>[http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/389140/view/dec\\_rate%20order\\_amended\\_WMSR%20and%20RRRP\\_20130402.PDF](http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/389140/view/dec_rate%20order_amended_WMSR%20and%20RRRP_20130402.PDF)

## 5. Metered kW

Ref: Rate Generator Model

A portion of Sheet “6. Billing Det. For Def-Var” from the Rate Generator Model is reproduced below.

Rate Class	Unit	Metered kWh	Metered kW
RESIDENTIAL	\$/kWh	33,427,924	
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW	\$/kWh	16,733,379	
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW	\$/kW	37,802,659	97,727
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD	\$/kWh	58,750	
SENTINEL LIGHTING	\$/kW	12,745	36
STREET LIGHTING	\$/kW	867,846	2,421

A portion of Sheet “3. Re-Based Bill Det & Rates” from the Shared Tax Savings Model is reproduced below.

**Last COS Re-based Year was in 2011**

Rate Group	Rate Class	Fixed Metric	Vol Metric	Re-based Billed Customers or Connections A	Re-based Billed kWh B	Re-based Billed kW C
RES	Residential	Customer	kWh	2,812	33,427,924	
GSLT50	General Service Less Than 50 kW	Customer	kWh	493	16,733,379	
GSGT50	General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	Customer	kW	68	37,802,659	97,727
USL	Unmetered Scattered Load	Customer	kWh	18	58,750	
Sen	Sentinel Lighting	Connection	kW	12	12,745	36
SL	Street Lighting	Connection	kW	1,004	867,846	2,421

The “Customer Count and Load Forecast, 2011” table from the Board’s Decision<sup>4</sup> (EB-2010-0140) pertaining to Parry Sound Power’s last cost-of-service rate application is reproduced below.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/2011EDR/dec\\_order\\_ParrySound\\_20110617.pdf](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/2011EDR/dec_order_ParrySound_20110617.pdf)



**Parry Sound Power Corporation  
 Customer Count and Load Forecast, 2011**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Customer &amp; Connection Count</b>	<b>Load Forecast</b>
Residential	2,812	33,427,924
General Service <50 kWh	493	16,733,379
General Service >50 kWh	68	37,802,659
General Service >50 kW		96,631
Street Lighting kWh	1,004	867,846
Street Lighting kW		2,421
Sentinel Lights kWh	12	12,745
Sentinel Lights kW		36
Unmetered Scattered Load kWh	18	58,750
Total kWh		88,903,303
Total kW		99,088

Board staff notes that the kW for the General Service 50 to 4,999 KW rate class provided in both the Rate Generator and Shared Tax Savings Models is 97,727 as opposed to 96,631 in the 2011 cost-of-service Decision.

- a. If the Metered kW value provided in the Rate Generator and Shared Tax Savings Models is an error, Board staff will make the relevant correction.

## 6. 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	30,953,151		1.0809		33,457,261	-
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	14,850,649		1.0809		16,052,066	-
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	kW	13,946,353	32,586		58.66%	13,946,353	32,586
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Interval Metered	kW	20,900,346	48,833		58.66%	20,900,346	48,833
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	49,820		1.0809		53,850	-
Sentinel Lighting	kW	10,840	36		41.27%	10,840	36
Street Lighting	kW	785,809	2,421		44.49%	785,809	2,421

- 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 Parry Sound Power’s Board-approved loss factor.