



November 20, 2013

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: 2014 IRM4 Electricity Distribution Rate Application, Interrogatory Responses
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.,
Board File no. EB-2013-0136**

Please find attached two (2) copies of Halton Hills Hydro Inc.'s responses to Board Staff interrogatories. The interrogatory responses have been filed through RESS.

In the event of any additional information, questions or concerns, please contact David Smelsky, Chief Financial Officer, at dsmelsky@haltonhillshydro.com or (519) 853-3700 extension 208, or Tracy Rehberg-Rawlingson, Regulatory Affairs Officer, at tracyr@haltonhillshydro.com or (519) 853-3700 extension 257.

Sincerely,

(Original signed)

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Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Arthur A. Skidmore, President & CEO, HHHI
Tracy Rehberg-Rawlingson, Regulatory Affairs, HHHI

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Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
Responses to Board Staff Interrogatories
EB-2013-0136

RTSR Model

Interrogatory #1

Ref: RTSR Model, Tab 4 – “RRR Data”

Rate Class	Unit	Non-Loss	Non-Loss	Applicable	Load	Loss Adjusted	Billed kW
		Adjusted Metered kWh	Adjusted Metered kW	Loss Factor			
Residential - Time of Use	kWh	213,056,238	-	1.0602		225,882,224	-
General Service Less Than 50 kW	kWh	56,947,445	-	1.0602		60,375,681	-
General Service 50 to 999 kW	kW	111,714,627	313,280		48.88%	111,714,627	313,280
General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW - Interval Meters	kW	101,713,650	289,210		48.20%	101,713,650	289,210
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	892,761	-	1.0602		946,505	-
Sentinel Lighting	kW	972,429	656		203.17%	972,429	656
Street Lighting	kW	2,762,364	7,681		49.29%	2,762,364	7,681

Please confirm that the data entered in columns “Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh” and “Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW” is not adjusted by HHHI’s Board approved loss factor.

[Response: Confirmed](#)

Interrogatory #2

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

Month	Hydro One			Network			Line Connection			Transformation Connection			Total Line
	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Units Billed	Rate	Amount	Amount
January	74,542	\$2.65	\$ 197,536	76,554	\$0.06	\$ 48,995	76,554	\$1.50	\$ 114,831				\$ 163,826
February	81,907	\$2.65	\$ 217,054	84,509	\$0.06	\$ 54,086	84,509	\$1.50	\$ 126,764				\$ 180,849
March	67,652	\$2.65	\$ 179,278	72,908	\$0.06	\$ 46,661	72,908	\$1.50	\$ 109,362				\$ 156,023
April May	72,778	\$2.65	\$ 192,862	75,767	\$0.06	\$ 48,491	75,767	\$1.50	\$ 113,651				\$ 162,141
June July	86,834	\$2.65	\$ 230,110	86,909	\$0.06	\$ 55,622	86,909	\$1.50	\$ 130,364				\$ 185,985
August	98,349	\$2.65	\$ 260,625	98,349	\$0.06	\$ 62,943	98,349	\$1.50	\$ 147,524				\$ 210,467
September	102,644	\$2.65	\$ 272,007	102,644	\$0.06	\$ 65,692	102,644	\$1.50	\$ 153,966				\$ 219,658
October	83,007	\$2.65	\$ 219,969	83,802	\$0.06	\$ 53,633	83,802	\$1.50	\$ 125,703				\$ 179,336
November	78,616	\$2.65	\$ 208,332	78,616	\$0.06	\$ 50,314	78,616	\$1.50	\$ 117,924				\$ 168,238
December	68,291	\$2.65	\$ 180,971	69,152	\$0.06	\$ 44,257	69,152	\$1.50	\$ 103,728				\$ 147,985
	70,344	\$2.65	\$ 186,412	71,962	\$0.06	\$ 46,056	71,962	\$1.50	\$ 107,943				\$ 153,999
	71,357	\$2.65	\$ 197,118	72,230	\$0.06	\$ 47,146	72,230	\$1.50	\$ 110,337				\$ 157,483
													\$ 2,085,991
													Total Line

Board staff notes that HHHI has entered a Hydro One – Line Connection rate of \$0.06. Board staff notes that the effective Hydro One – Line Connection rate as of January 1, 2012 is \$0.64.

(A) Please confirm if the \$0.06 rate was entered in error, and Board staff will make the necessary corrections to HHHI’s model.

(B) If the answer to (A) is no, please provide evidence for the figure entered in the above noted column.

Response:

(A) Confirmed. The \$0.06 rate was entered in error and should be \$0.64. All other columns are correct.

(B) Not applicable.

Tax-Sharing Model

Interrogatory #3

Ref: Tax-Sharing Model, Tab 5 – “Z-Factor Tax Changes”

Summary - Sharing of Tax Change Forecast Amounts

For the 41544 year, enter any Tax Credits from the Cost of Service Tax Calculation (Positive #)

	2012	2014
1. Tax Related Amounts Forecast from Capital Tax Rate Changes		
Taxable Capital	\$ 42,429,005	\$ 42,429,005
Deduction from taxable capital up to \$15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000
Net Taxable Capital	\$ 27,429,005	\$ 27,429,005
Rate	0.000%	0.000%
Ontario Capital Tax (Deductible, not grossed-up)	\$ -	\$ -
2. Tax Related Amounts Forecast from Income Tax Rate Changes		
Regulatory Taxable Income	\$ 306,779	\$ 306,779
Corporate Tax Rate	15.50%	15.50%
Tax Impact	\$ 47,551	\$ 47,551
Grossed-up Tax Amount	\$ 56,273	\$ 56,273

Board staff notes that HHHI has entered a corporate tax rate of 15.50% into the Tax-Sharing Model. Upon reviewing HHHI’s previous cost of service revised Revenue Requirement Work Form from EB-2011-0271, filed on June 28, 2012, Board staff notes that a total tax rate of 7.65% was input.

- (A) Please provide an explanation for the discrepancy in rates.
- (B) If any changes are required, please confirm the correct figures, and Board staff will make any necessary corrections to the model.

Response:

- (A) The rate of 7.65% in HHHI's 2012 Cost of Service Revenue Requirement Workform was adjusted to take into account tax credits. In the 2014 IRM application, HHHI did not include a tax credit amount in Cell M20 of Tab 5 – "Z-Factor Tax Changes" in the Tax-Sharing Model and has used a rate of 15.50%.
- (B) HHHI request the Board staff to make the necessary corrections to the model; specifically -Tab 5 - "Z-Factor Tax Changes" in the Tax-Sharing Model should be updated to reflect \$31,000 in Cell M20 and 7.65% in Cell M38 (Corporate Tax Rate).

Rate Generator Model

Interrogatory #4

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 5 – "2014 Continuity Schedule"

Board staff notes that in its continuity schedule, HHHI has entered a credit amount of \$2,672 in Account 1562 – Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes. Board staff notes that Account 1562 was approved to be disposed in HHHI's 2012 cost of service rate application (EB-2011-0271). Board staff notes that the Board directed that "all account balances approved for disposition in this proceeding shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595 pursuant to the requirements specified in Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors¹".

- (A) Please explain why there is an amount recorded in Account 1562.
- (B) If this is an error, and HHHI has in fact recorded the amount in Account 1595, please confirm and Board staff will make the necessary corrections to the model.

Response:

- (A) The balance in account 1562 is zero as reported in HHHI's 2.1.1 filing as at December 31, 2012.
- (B) HHHI confirms that, in fact, the amount was recorded correctly in Account 1595. HHHI requests Board Staff make the necessary corrections to the model.

Interrogatory #5

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 6 – “Billing Det. for Def-Var”

Rate Class	Unit	Metered kWh	Metered kW	Billed kWh for Non-RPP Customers	Estimated kW for Non-RPP Customers	Distribution Revenue ¹
RESIDENTIAL - TIME OF USE	\$/kWh	210,212,474		22,198,437	0	5,280,540
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW	\$/kWh	54,285,767		4,820,576	0	991,335
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW	\$/kW	117,338,024	328,299	98,481,804	275,541	1,193,153
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 TO 4,999 KW - INTERVAL METERS	\$/kW	108,192,394	293,909	108,192,394	293,909	772,817
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD	\$/kWh	838,540		838,540	0	17,268
SENTINEL LIGHTING	\$/kW	380,342	810	380,342	810	25,175
STREET LIGHTING	\$/kW	2,778,881	7,820	2,778,881	7,820	341,198
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Total		494,026,422	630,838	237,690,974	578,080	8,621,486

Board staff is unable to reconcile the figures entered in column “Distribution Revenue” to HHHI’s previous Cost of Service Draft Rate Order (EB-2011-0271).

- (A) Please provide evidence for the figures entered.
- (B) If changes are required, please confirm the correct figures and Board staff will make the necessary corrections to the model.

Response:

(A) HHHI directs Board Staff to Page 17, Table 11 of HHHI’s Cost of Service Draft Rate Order. Table 11 provides the confirmation for the figures entered in column “Distribution Revenue”.

(B) Not applicable.

Interrogatory #6

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 10 – “Other Charges & LF”

Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary Service – Install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service installation and removal – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary Service Install & Remove – Overhead – With Transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Interval Meter Interrogation	\$	20.00

Board staff notes that under the “Customer Administration” section of HHHI’s proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, the line item from the currently approved Tariff of Rates and Charges labelled as “Interval Meter Charge” is labelled “Interval Meter Interrogation”.

(A) If HHHI agrees, and also agrees that this is in error, please confirm and Board staff will update the model with the information as currently found in HHHI's Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges.

(B) If the answer to (A) is no to either part, please provide HHHI's rationale.

Response:

(A) Using the pull down function in the Rate Generator Model, "Interval Meter Interrogation" was the choice that most closely resembled the "Interval Meter Charge" on the currently approved Tariff. HHHI would prefer to have the original "Interval Meter Charge" description. HHHI would appreciate it if Board Staff could make the change.

(B) Not applicable.

¹ EB-2011-0271, Decision and Order, Page 25