

December 3, 2013

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

Re: West Coast Huron Energy Limited Application for 2014 Electricity Distribution Rates - EB-2013-0179

West Coast Huron Energy Limited respectfully submits their responses to the Ontario Energy Board Staff Interrogatories on its electricity distribution rate application EB-2013-0179.

Further to the Board's filing guidelines, an electronic copy of our IRM application will be submitted through the OEB e-Filing Services. We would be pleased to provide any further information or details that you may require relative to this application.

Yours truly



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2014 RTSR Model

Board Staff Question

1. Ref: A portion of Sheet 4 "RRR Data" 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 | 25,016,655 | | | 1.0467 | 26,184,933 | - |
| General Service Less Than 50 kW | kWh | 14,352,561 | | | 1.0467 | 15,022,826 | - |
| General Service 50 to 499 kW | kW | 21,134,564 | 66,361 | | 43.65% | 21,134,564 | 66,361 |
| General Service 500 to 4,999 kW | kW | 14,360,826 | 31,229 | | 63.03% | 14,360,826 | 31,229 |
| Large Use | kW | 62,587,915 | 139,356 | | 61.56% | 62,587,915 | 139,356 |
| Street Lighting | kW | 1,031,789 | 2,774 | | 50.98% | 1,031,789 | 2,774 |
| Sentinel Lighting | kW | 15,224 | 1 | | 2086.62% | 15,224 | 1 |
| Unmetered Scattered Load | kWh | 84,724 | | | 1.0467 | 88,681 | - |

Please confirm that the data entered in columns "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kWh" and "Non-Loss Adjusted Metered kW" are not adjusted by WCHEI's Board approved loss factor.

WCHE's Answer

This is to confirm that the data entered in the above columns were "Non-Loss Adjusted"

2014 IRM Tax Sharing Model

Board Staff Question

2. Ref: A portion of Sheet 3 "Re-Based Rev From Rates" is reproduced below.

| 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 | 3,239 | 25,007,901 | |
| GSLT50 | General Service Less Than 50 kW | Customer | kWh | 462 | 14,346,569 | |
| GSGT50 | General Service 50 to 499 kW | Customer | kW | 48 | 20,994,730 | 62,498 |
| GSGT50 | General Service 500 to 4,999 kW | Customer | kW | 3 | 14,183,464 | 34,069 |
| LU | Large Use | Customer | kW | 1 | 61,820,874 | 137,741 |
| SL | Street Lighting | Connection | kW | 1,368 | 1,069,699 | 2,724 |
| Sen | Sentinel Lighting | Connection | kW | 4 | 15,525 | |
| USL | Unmetered Scattered Load | Connection | kWh | 5 | 84,113 | |

Board staff is unable to verify the amounts input in for columns "A", "B" and "C" with WCHEI's approved customer/connection count and load forecast in its 2013 cost of service proceeding (EB-2012-0175).

- a) Please provide the reference for these input amounts.
- b) If any changes are required, please confirm the corrected amounts, and Board staff will make the necessary adjustments to the model.

WCHE's Answer

- a) WCHE used its WCH_IRR_Appendix 9_ 20130614 for the above table this was in error.
- b) We submit the table below which was included in the settlement document.

| CDM Adjustment To 2013 Load Forecast | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| West Coast Huron Energy Inc. | | | | |
| | Weather Normalized | | CDM Load Forecast Adjustment | 2013 CDM Adjusted Load Forecast |
| | 2013 Forecast | | | |
| kWh | A | C = A / B | E = D * C | F = A - E |
| Residential (kWh) | 25,199,943 | 18% | 192,238 | 25,007,705 |
| GS<50 (kWh) | 14,456,740 | 10% | 110,284 | 14,346,457 |
| GS>50 50 - 499 (kW) | 21,071,330 | 15% | 160,743 | 20,910,587 |
| GS>50 500 - 4,999(kW) | 14,235,213 | 10% | 108,594 | 14,126,619 |
| Large Use (kW) | 62,295,611 | 45% | 475,223 | 61,820,387 |
| USL (kWh) | 84,759 | 0% | 647 | 84,112 |
| Sentinel (kW) | 15,644 | 0% | 119 | 15,525 |
| Street Lights (kW) | 1,077,913 | 1% | 8,223 | 1,069,690 |
| Total Customer (kWh) | 138,437,152 | 100% | 1,056,071 | 137,381,081 |
| | B | | D | |
| | Weather Normalized | | CDM Load Forecast Adjustment | 2013 CDM Adjusted Load Forecast |
| | 2013 Forecast | | | |
| kW | G | I = G / H | J = G / A * E | K = G - J |
| Residential (kWh) | - | 0% | - | 0 |
| GS<50 (kWh) | - | 0% | - | 0 |
| GS>50 50 - 499 (kW) | 62,726 | 26% | 479 | 62,248 |
| GS>50 500 - 4,999(kW) | 34,194 | 14% | 261 | 33,933 |
| Large Use (kW) | 138,799 | 58% | 1,059 | 137,741 |
| USL (kWh) | - | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Sentinel (kW) | - | 0% | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lights (kW) | 2,745 | 1% | 21 | 2,724 |
| Total Customer (kW) | 238,464 | 100% | 1,819 | 236,645 |
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2014 IRM Rate Generator

Board Staff Question

3. *Ref: A portion of Sheet 4 "Current Tariff Schedule" is reproduced below.*

| STREET LIGHTING Service Classification | | |
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| This classification applies to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connection load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Street lighting plant, facilities or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the ESA requirements. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service. | | |
| APPLICATION | | |
| The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration schedule. | | |
| No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein. | | |
| Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition, the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an | | |
| It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST. | | |
| MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component (If applicable, Effective Date MUST be included in rate de | | |
| Service Charge | \$ | 4.36 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 23.8686 |
| Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 2.0181 |
| Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.5845 |
| | | |
| | | |
| Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs - effective until August 31, 2017 | \$ | 0.16 |
| Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) Applicable only for Non-FPP Customers - effective until August 31, 2014 | \$/kW | (0.7033) |
| Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until August 31, 2014 | \$/kW | 0.9032 |

Board staff notes that the 2014 Rate Generator Model may round a fixed rate rider to the second decimal place. Please confirm that the “Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs – effective until August 31, 2017” should be \$0.159 and not \$0.16. Once confirmed, Board staff will make the necessary adjustment to the model.

WCHE's Answer

WCHE inputted \$0.159 into the model. We believe that the model rounded it to \$0.16. Could Board Staff please make the necessary adjustments?