

**Ontario Energy Board**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Haldimand  
County Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable  
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be  
effective May 1, 2014.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS OF  
ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
("ENERGY PROBE")**

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**March 10, 2014**

**HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO INC.  
2014 RATES REBASING CASE  
EB-2013-0134**

**ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

**4.2-Energy Probe-35s**

**Ref: 4.2-Energy Probe-5**

The response shows that the actual OM&A expenses incurred in 2013 were \$7,464,099 as compared to the forecast of \$8,713,488, a reduction of about \$1.25 million or more than 14%. Please explain what drove this reduction.

**7.1-Energy Probe-36s**

**Ref: 7.1- Energy Probe -12 & 4.3-VECC-19**

- a) Please confirm that the increase in capital additions closed to rate base in the 2014 test year shown in 7.1-Energy Probe-12 reflect the carryover amounts from 2013 shown in 4.3-VECC-19 without any other changes.
- b) Do any of the carryover capital additions from 2013 also include a carryover of contributions and grants?

**7.6- Energy Probe -37s**

**Ref: 7.6-Energy Probe-24**

The response seems to indicate that the costs associated with water and wastewater billing and collecting costs are significantly in excess of the associated revenues shows in account 4375.

- a) Please confirm that this is the case.
- b) Please confirm that in the 2014 test year, the revenues from water and wastewater billing and collecting are \$374,205, while the associated costs are \$515,539. If this is not correct, what is the revenue and costs forecast for 2014?

### **7.7- Energy Probe -38s**

**Ref: 7.7-Energy Probe-27**

**Part (b) of the question requested a tracking sheet to show the changes made in the RRWF and noting the interrogatory response that resulted in the change. The answer refers to 7.7-Staff-27, however, no tracking sheet appears to have been included in that response.**

**a) Please provide the requested tracking sheet or indicate where in the filed material it can be found.**

**b) The revised RRWF shows a reduction in OM&A of \$89,417. Please show how this figure was determined based on the responses to 7.4-Energy Probe-21 and 4.2-Energy Probe-8 and any other changes made to the OM&A forecast.**

**c) Please confirm that the reduction in the power purchased which is reflected in lower distribution revenues as the result of interrogatory responses shown in the RRWF are also reflected in a lower cost of power used in the working cash calculation.**

### **8.2-Energy Probe-39s**

**Ref: Issue 8.2 Interrogatories**

**Please provide and updated Table 7 from Exhibit 7, Tab 1, Schedule 4 that shows the revenue to cost ratios from the updated cost allocation model that has resulted from the interrogatory responses, along with the proposals for the ratios in 2014 and 2015.**