

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 Oakville
Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order approving
just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity
distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

**INTERROGATORIES OF
ENERGY PROBE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
("ENERGY PROBE")**

October 2, 2014

**OAKVILLE HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.
2015 RATES APPLICATION
EB-2014-0102**

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INTERROGATORIES**

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- a) Did Oakville Hydro experience any other events that would have qualified for Z-factor status in 2013 except they were less than the materiality threshold? If yes, please provide an estimate of the cost of these other events in 2013.**
- b) Please provide the level of costs incurred in 2013 for emergency restorations excluding the costs included in this application.**
- c) Please provide the level of costs incurred in each of 2010 through 2012 for emergency restorations.**

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- a) What level of costs were included in the historical years of 2010 through 2013 as a result of the EB-2009-0271 cost of service OM&A related to storm damage and/or emergency maintenance/restorations?**
- b) If applicable, please indicate where in the EB-2009-0271 rebasing application it is stated that the budget does not include any OM&A costs related to storm damage and/or emergency maintenance/restorations.**

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Oakville Hydro is proposing to allocate the storm costs to all customer classes in proportion with distribution revenues.

- a) To which account (for example, 5025 or 5135, etc) does Oakville Hydro allocate the storm costs?
- b) Please provide a version of Tables 7 & 8 that shows the derivation of the proposed rate riders if the costs were allocated based on the allocation of the account(s) to which Oakville Hydro allocates these costs rather than based on distribution revenues.

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- a) How many customers/connections does Oakville Hydro forecast that it will have at the end of December, 2014?
- b) How many customers/connections does Oakville Hydro forecast that it will have at the end of December, 2015?
- c) Please confirm that Oakville Hydro is requesting a rate rider for a 12 month period from January 1, 2015 through December, 2015 to recover the costs associated with the ice storm. If this is not correct, please indicate the period over which recovery is being sought.
- d) Over what period has Oakville Hydro calculated the average number of customers/connections shown in Table 7?
- e) If the rate rider is calculated based on a number of customers/connections other than that derived from the responses to part (a) and (b) above, does Oakville Hydro agree that it is likely to recover in excess of the amount through the rate rider because the number of customers/connections will be higher than the number used to calculate the rate rider?
- f) Will any over collection resulting from the increase in the number of customers/connections be held in the Z-factor account and refunded to ratepayers after the rate rider expires? If not, why not?
- g) Would Oakville Hydro be able to track the revenues received from the rate rider and to refund any over collection to ratepayers by rate class following a review in a subsequent proceeding? If not, why not?

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- a) Please explain why part of the recovery of the storm costs should be based on a variable charge, which means that customers that use more would pay a larger portion of the storm costs than do customers that use less.**
- b) Does Oakville Hydro agree that the storm related costs were customer count driven and not consumption driven? If not, why not?**
- c) Please provide a revised Table 7 assuming all of the ice storm costs were recovered through a fixed rate rider.**