

2015 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES
Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.

EB-2014-0083

STAFF SUBMISSION

(Corrected)

October 15, 2014

INTRODUCTION

On October 9, 2014 Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. (“Hydro One Brampton”) filed a settlement proposal with respect to its application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

The parties to the settlement proposal are Hydro One Brampton and the Board-approved intervenors in the proceeding: the Vulnerable Energy Consumers’ Coalition, the School Energy Coalition, Energy Probe Research Foundation and Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Toronto.

The settlement proposal represents a partial settlement. There are three unsettled issues in the proceeding, as follows:

- The appropriate percentage to be used to calculate the Working Capital Allowance;
- The forecasted balance of Account 1576 - Accounting Changes under CGAAP Deferral Account, and the proposed disposition period; and
- The methodology pertaining to weather normalization in the load forecast.

The parties propose that these matters should be the subject of an oral hearing.

This submission reflects observations which arise from Board staff’s review of the evidence and the settlement proposal, and is intended to assist the Board in deciding upon Hydro One Brampton’s Application with respect to the issues laid out in the Settlement Proposal and in setting just and reasonable rates.

Submission

Board staff has reviewed the settlement proposal in the context of the objectives of the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity, other applicable Board policies, relevant Board decisions, and the Board’s statutory obligations. While the parties considered the issues and Hydro One Brampton’s planning in the limited context of the test year, Board staff is of the view that the settlement proposal reflects a reasonable evaluation of the distributor’s planned outcomes in this proceeding, and appropriate consideration of relevant issues. Board staff

submits that parties have considered the settled issues within the context of the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity, and have given due consideration to the outcomes of Customer Focus, Operational Effectiveness, Public Policy Responsiveness and Financial Performance.

Board staff submits that the Board's approval of the proposal as filed would adequately reflect the public interest and would result in just and reasonable rates for customers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.