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BY E-MAIL

August 11, 2016

Bill Nippard
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Dear Mr. Nippard:

**Re: Renfrew Hydro Inc.
Application for Rates
OEB File Number EB-2016-0166**

A preliminary review of the application of Renfrew Hydro Inc. (Renfrew Hydro) has identified that certain sections of the evidence supporting the application do not comply with the OEB's Filing Requirements¹ for cost of service applications and/or the associated spreadsheets, models and workforms. As a result, the OEB is unable to process your application at this time.

The missing information includes:

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10	<u>Ex.1/Tab 2/Sch.2 - Budget and Accounting Assumptions</u> A brief summary in relation to an economic overview (such as growth and inflation).
11	<u>Ex.1/Tab 2/Sch.5 - Overview of Operation Maintenance and Administrative Costs</u> Inflation rates used for OM&A and total compensation for the test year and the change from last OEB-approved (\$ and %).
9	<u>Ex.1/Tab 9/Sch.1 – Scorecard Discussion</u> Discussion of any short-, medium-, and long-term performance improvement

¹ Chapter 2 of the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2015 Edition for 2016 Rate Applications*, dated July 16, 2015

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	target(s) that are being set by the distributor for itself, that would lead to enhancements to the distributor's scorecard performance over the term of the rate-setting plan, and how the distributor's self-assessment has informed its business plan and the application.
21 & 22	<u>Ex.2/Tab 4/Sch.1 - Disposition of Smart Meters and Treatment of Stranded Meters</u> Although Renfrew Hydro has provided an excerpt of Appendix 2-S in its application, Appendix 2-S in the Chapter 2 appendices has not been populated.
32	<u>Ex.3/Tab 3/Sch.1 - Variance Analysis of Load Forecast</u> A schedule of revenues for at least the past 5 years for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Actual for the past 5 years • Historical OEB-approved • Historical Actual for the past 5 years – weather normalized, if available • Bridge Year • Bridge Year – weather normalized • Test Year
33	<u>Ex.3/Tab 3/Sch.1 - Variance Analysis of Load Forecast</u> A variance analysis and relevant discussions for revenues for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical OEB-approved vs. Historical Actual • Historical OEB-approved vs. Historical Actual – weather normalized • Historical Actual – weather-normalized vs. preceding year's Historical Actual – weather-normalized (for the necessary number of years) • Historical Actual – weather normalized vs. Bridge Year – weather-normalized • Bridge Year – weather-normalized vs. Test Year – weather-normalized
72 & 73	A description of Renfrew Hydro's settlement process with the IESO, the GA rate utilized when billing its customers (1st estimate, 2nd estimate or actual) for each rate class, the process for providing consumption estimates to the IESO, and a description of the true-up process to reconcile estimates of RPP and non-RPP consumption once actuals are known.

The OEB expects that Renfrew Hydro will file the above listed required information as soon as possible.

If any of the information that is identified as missing is located in sections other than those identified in the Filing Requirements, or if any of the information is not applicable in your circumstances, please provide an explanation when filing the remainder of the required information.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Georgette Vlahos, Advisor at 416-544-5169 or georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar