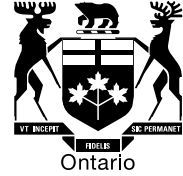


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BY E-MAIL

March 23, 2017

Kirsten Walli
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Atikokan Hydro Inc.
2017 Distribution Cost of Service Application
Board File Number EB-2016-0056
Submission of Proposed Issues List**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 issued on February 16, 2017, please find attached the proposed issues for this proceeding.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Chris Codd
Ontario Energy Board staff
Case Manager

Att.

PROPOSED ISSUES LIST
EB-2016-0056
Atikokan Hydro Inc.

1.0 PLANNING

1.1 CAPITAL

Is the level of planned capital expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- 1.1.1 customer feedback and preferences;
- 1.1.2 productivity;
- 1.1.3 compatibility with historical expenditures;
- 1.1.4 compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- 1.1.5 reliability and service quality;
- 1.1.6 impact on distribution rates;
- 1.1.7 trade-offs with OM&A spending;
- 1.1.8 government-mandated obligations; and
- 1.1.9 the objectives of Atikokan Hydro and its customers.

1.2 OM&A

Is the level of planned OM&A expenditures appropriate and is the rationale for planning choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- 1.2.1 customer feedback and preferences;
- 1.2.2 productivity;
- 1.2.3 compatibility with historical expenditures;
- 1.2.4 compatibility with applicable benchmarks;
- 1.2.5 reliability and service quality;
- 1.2.6 impact on distribution rates;
- 1.2.7 trade-offs with capital spending;
- 1.2.8 government-mandated obligations; and
- 1.2.9 the objectives of Atikokan Hydro and its customers.

2.0 REVENUE REQUIREMENT

- 2.1 Are all elements of the revenue requirement reasonable, and have they been appropriately determined in accordance with OEB policies and practices?

- 2.2 Has the revenue requirement been accurately determined based on these elements?

3.0 LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION and RATE DESIGN

- 3.1 Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting billing determinants appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand requirements of Atikokan Hydro's customers?
- 3.2 Is the proposed cost allocation methodology, and are the allocations and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3 Are Atikokan Hydro's proposals for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4 Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates appropriate?

4.0 ACCOUNTING

- 4.1 Have all impacts of any changes in accounting standards, policies, estimates and adjustments been properly identified and recorded, and is the rate-making treatment of each of these impacts appropriate?
- 4.2 Are Atikokan Hydro's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for new accounts and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?