

Proposed Issues List
EB-2017-0051
Hydro One Remotes Communities Inc.

1. PLANNING

1.1 Capital

Is the level of planned distribution and generation capital expenditures including the proposed rate base for 2018 appropriate and is the rationale for planning and pacing choices appropriate and adequately explained, giving due consideration to:

- capital funding received by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC),
- customer engagement, feedback and preferences
- Hydro One Remotes 2017 to 2022 Business Plan
- Hydro One Remotes Distribution System Plan
- productivity
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations, and
- the objectives of the Applicant 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:

- cost of diesel fuel
- customer engagement, feedback and preferences
- Hydro One Remotes 2017 to 2022 Business Plan
- productivity
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
- government-mandated obligations, and
- the objectives of the Applicant and its customers.

2. 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. LOAD FORECAST, COST ALLOCATION AND RATE DESIGN

3.1 Are the proposed load and customer forecast, loss factors, CDM adjustments and resulting calculations appropriate, and, to the extent applicable, are they an appropriate reflection of the energy and demand profile of the applicant's customers?

3.2 Are the proposed late payment and specific service charges appropriate?

3.3 Are the proposed revenues from external work appropriate?

3.4 Is the proposed rate increase for the different rate classes appropriate?

4. 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 Is the applicant's proposals for the Rural and Remote Rate Protection variance account including the balance and the disposition appropriate?

5. OTHER

5.1 Have the potential impacts of the Remote Community Connection Plan been appropriately considered in the application?

5.2 Have cost for shared services been appropriately allocated to the Applicant?

5.3 Is the cost of capital structure, and the long-term and short-term debt rate, appropriate?

5.4 Is the plan for First Nation relations appropriate and adequately explained?