

BY E-MAIL

March 16, 2020

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. (Greater Sudbury Hydro)
Application for 2020 Electricity Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2019-0037**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, OEB staff advises the OEB that parties have come to an agreement regarding an issues list for Greater Sudbury Hydro's 2020 distribution rate application. The proposed issues list is attached.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Project Advisor – Electricity Distribution: Major Rate Applications & Consolidations

Attach.

PROPOSED ISSUES LIST
EB-2019-0037
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. (Sudbury Hydro)

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:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with OM&A spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Sudbury Hydro and its customers
- the distribution system plan
- the business plan

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:

- customer feedback and preferences
- productivity
- benchmarking of costs
- reliability and service quality
- impact on distribution rates
- trade-offs with capital spending
- government-mandated obligations
- the objectives of Sudbury Hydro and its customers
- the distribution system plan
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1.3 Shared Services and Corporate Cost Allocation

Is the proposed shared services cost allocation methodology and the quantum appropriate?

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 Sudbury Hydro's customers?
- 3.2** Are the proposed cost allocation methodology, allocations, and revenue-to-cost ratios, appropriate?
- 3.3** Are Sudbury Hydro's proposals for rate design appropriate?
- 3.4** Are the proposed Retail Transmission Service Rates and Low Voltage 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 Sudbury Hydro's proposals for deferral and variance accounts, including the balances in the existing accounts and their disposition, requests for discontinuation of accounts, request for new accounts, and the continuation of existing accounts, appropriate?

5.0 OTHER

- 5.1** Are the Advanced Capital Module proposals for the four station rebuilds appropriate, and does the proposal include sufficient justification and cost estimates to show need and prudence?
- 5.2** Is the proposed effective date (i.e. May 1, 2020) for 2020 rates appropriate?
- 5.3** Are rate mitigation proposals required for any rate classes?

5.4 Are the Specific Service Charges, Retail Service Charges, and Pole Attachment Charge appropriate?