



Ontario Energy Board  
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April 21st, 2020

Re: Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd (HPDCL) COVID-19 Rate Implementation Option

Dear Ms. Walli:

This letter is in response to a communication received from OEB on April 16th, 2020, regarding the implementation of Incentive Rate-setting Decisions for May 1st, 2020 Rates.

In its letter, the OEB offered LDCs scheduled to adopt new rates on May 1st, 2020, the alternatively of postponing its implementation of rates to November 1st, 2020. LDCs opting to defer the implementation of their May 1<sup>st</sup> rates to November 1<sup>st</sup> rates would track its temporarily foregone revenues in an OEB established deferral account as per the Accounting Order issues March 25th, 2020.

HPDCL has evaluated the effects of this alternative on both its utility and customers and has opted to implement its rates my 1<sup>st</sup> as initially scheduled. HPDCL feels that by implementing rates, which may include potential foregone revenues, in November, when consumption typically increases with the change in season and time of use rates could potentially create a greater financial burden to its customer given the many uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 situation.

Please feel free to contact me at the information below should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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