



PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE  
LE CENTRE POUR LA DÉFENSE DE L'INTÉRÊT PUBLIC

January 21, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Christine Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0041 Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.2021 Electricity Distribution Rates  
Interrogatories of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

*John Lawford*

Counsel for VECC

c/o John Lawford

Copy to: Michelle Reesor, Regulatory Manager, Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.

**EB-2020-0041**

**Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates  
effective May 1, 2021**

**VECC Interrogatories January 21, 2021**

**VECC-1**

Ref:

- a) Newmarket-Tay Power changed its depreciation and capitalization policies effective January 1, 2012. In accordance with OEB policy, Newmarket - Tay Power recorded the financial difference arising from changes to its depreciation and capitalization policies in Account 1576 effective January 1, 2012.

VECC seeks to understand the disposition history of Account 1576 from past to present. Please provide a table that sets out the schedule of requested dispositions of Account 1576 to date, and include the OEB Proceeding number, the amounts requested compared to approved, indicate whether interim or final, and identify and explain any subsequent adjustments made regarding the disposition amounts or rate riders implemented in any given year.

- b) Please discuss if Newmarket-Tay Power has made any changes in this application to the methodology used to calculate Account 1576 balances.

**VECC-2**

Ref: DSP P 114 Table 49 –2015 – 2020 Key Material Capital Projects

- a) Please provide an updated version of Table 49 with 2019 and 2020 actuals.
- b) Please provide Appendix 2-AA for the years 2020 to 2024.

**VECC-3**

Ref: DSP P 126 Table 58 – Material Capital Expenditures 2020 – 2024.

- a) Please provide an excel version of Table 58 – Material Capital Expenditures 2020 – 2024.
- b) Please discuss how Newmarket-Tay Power took into consideration the significant CCRA True-up costs in prioritizing work and setting the capital budget for 2021.
- c) Please discuss if any projects in 2021 are considered discretionary.
- d) Please discuss if any projects in 2021 could reasonably be decreased in scope.

- e) Please discuss if any projects in 2021 could reasonably be deferred.
- f) If the OEB does not approve the ICM request, what is the impact on the forecast 2021 capital spending?
- g) Please discuss the pace of asset renewal over the period 2015 to 2019 compared to 2020 to 2024.

**VECC-4**

Ref: ICM Appendix D: Hydro One Invoice

Please provide the Hydro One invoice for the 10-year True-Up and provide Hydro One’s calculation of the True-Up.

**VECC-5**

Prior to this application, did Newmarket-Tay Power notify the OEB of future ICM projects for the 5 and 10 year True-Ups for Holland TS? Please provide all documentation.

**VECC-6**

Ref: Manager’s Summary P44

Table 1 in evidence shows the revenue Newmarket-Tay Power has voluntarily foregone associated with the First True-Up from 2015 to 2020.

**Table 1: Foregone Revenue and Incremental Revenue Requirement**

<b>Foregone Revenue for 2015 Contribution by year</b>	
<b>Application Table 1</b>	
	<b>2015</b>
2015	659,973
2016	659,973
2017	659,973
2018	659,973
2019	659,973
2020	659,973
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,959,839</b>

Please provide the calculation that underpins Table 1.

**VECC-7**

Ref: Manager’s Summary P46 Table 3

Please explain the drivers of the significant increase in capital expenditures from \$3,385,518 in 2019 compared to \$6,280,006 in 2020.

**VECC-8**

Ref: Manager's Summary P49

The evidence states "...the First True-Up was calculated by Hydro One to be \$8,180,000."

Please provide the calculation from Hydro One.