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#### **BY RESS**

Ms. Christine Long, Registrar ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 2319 TORONTO, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Board File No. EB-2020-0035

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. - Licence No. ED-2002-0573

**RTSR Application** 

Dear Ms. Long:

Please find attached Kitchener Wilmot Hydro Inc.'s (KWHI) application for a correction to its current Board-approved 2021 Retail Transmission Network Rates.

As described in a letter to the OEB on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the IESO has not charged KWHI for one meter point for the period June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The result is an insufficient RTSR – Network charge to KWHI's customers for 2021. Through this application, KWHI is seeking an Order or Orders authorizing it to correct and recalculate the 2021 IRM model for a revised RTSR – Network charge.

If you have any further questions, contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By:

Margaret Nanninga, MBA, CPA, CGA Vice President Finance & CFO



**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B).

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving or fixing network retail transmission charges effective February 1, 2021.

#### **Application**

- The Applicant is Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("KWHI"). KWHI is incorporated pursuant to the Ontario Business Corporations Act with its head office in the City of Kitchener, ON. KWHI distributes electricity within the City of Kitchener and the Township of Wilmot.
- KWHI hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders made pursuant to Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, as amended, (the "OEB Act") approving or network fixing retail transmission charges.
- 3. Specifically, KWHI hereby applies for an order or orders granting distribution rates updated and adjusted in accordance with Chapter 3 of the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications* updated May 14, 2020 ("Filing Requirements"), including the following:
  - a. An adjustment to the retail transmission service rates as provided in the OEB's *Guideline G-2008-0001: Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSR)*, Revision 4.0 dated June 28, 2012.
- 4. This Application is supported by written evidence that may be amended from time to time, prior to the Board's final Decision on this Application.
- 5. The Applicant requests that, pursuant to Section 34.01 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this proceeding be conducted by way of written hearing.

DATED at Kitchener, Ontario, this 26th day of January 2021.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by:
Margaret Nanninga, MBA, CPA, CGA
Vice President Finance and CFO



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### <u>Introduction</u>

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- 2 Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("KWHI") (License No. ED-2002-0573) distributes
- 3 electricity to approximately 99,000 customers within the City of Kitchener (primarily
- 4 urban) and the Township of Wilmot (primarily rural), which contains seven (7) small
- 5 communities.
- 6 The primary contact for the application is:
- 7 Margaret Nanninga, MBA, CPA, CGA
- 8 Vice-President Finance and CFO
- 9 (519) 749-6177
- 10 mnanninga@kwhydro.ca
- All ratepayers within KWHI's service territory will be affected by this application. This
- application can be viewed on KWHI's website at www.kwhydro.ca.
- 13 KWHI has used the 2021 IRM Rate Generator (version 1.0), attached as a live excel
- 14 file, to determine a revised RTSR Network Service Rate for this application. KWHI has
- updated the volume and dollars charged by the IESO for the missing data point to
- 16 prepare this application.

#### 17 **Summary of Application**

- On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, KWHI filed a letter notifying the OEB of an error where the
- 19 IESO did not charge network charges for one meter point since June 2015. A meter
- 20 point at one of KWHI's transformer stations had an end date incorrectly set resulting in
- 21 no charges to KWHI after the end date.
- 22 KWHI is filing this application to change the 2021 RTSR network rate to minimize the
- variance that will arise in account 1584 during the year 2021. The variance arises
- 24 because the RTSR rate is determined using 2019 historical volume and current rates.
- 25 The 2019 volume is incorrect by the volume of the missing meter point. KWHI has



- 1 obtained the missing volume data from the IESO for 2019 and it is attached to this
- 2 application as Appendix A.
- 3 In preparing this application, bill impacts to customers in current and future years will be
- 4 minimized and intergenerational inequity is minimized for the 2021 RTSR network rate.
- 5 It is estimated that if this rate change is not granted the balance in account 1584 at the
- 6 end of 2021 will be more than \$3.6 million dollars plus the amount required to settle the
- 7 missing data point error. This amount would have a significant effect on customers as
- 8 KWHI would then apply for the true up of historical years missed (2015 through 2020)
- 9 and 2021 current charges during the same 2022 IRM application. Adjusting KWHI's
- 10 network service rate now would reduce those future impacts.

#### 11 Retail Transmission Service Rates

- 12 The Board's Revision 4.0 to Guideline G-2008-0001 Electricity Distribution Retail
- 13 Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs") was issued June 28, 2012. Based on the most
- recent Decision and Rate Order of the Board (EB-2020-0251), new Uniform
- 15 Transmission Rates ("UTRs") were effective January 1, 2021 and are as follows:
- Network Service Rate of \$4.67 per kW; and
- Line Connection Service Rate of \$0.77 per kW; and
- Transformation Connection Service Rate of \$2.53 per kW
- 19 The Applicant passes on these UTR charges through two (2) RTSRs. These retail
- 20 transmission rates are as follows:
- 21 Retail Transmission Rate Network Service Rate
- 22 Retail Transmission Rate Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate
- 23 KWHI does not pay any Transformation Connection charges to the IESO as it owns all
- 24 its own transformer stations.



- 1 KWHI has followed the RTSR model to determine revised RTSR Network rates for
- 2 2021. KWHI has increased the volume and the charge for the amounts not charged in
- 3 2019 by the IESO. KWHI notes that it has used the 2021 Network Service UTR in this
- 4 application which differs from the IRM application. KWHI is using the most recent
- 5 UTRs to mitigate what will be substantial variances in account 1584.
- 6 To determine revised network charges, KWHI performed an iterative process. First,
- 7 KWHI used the customer volume data as per its 2021 application (EB-2020-0035).
- 8 Next it determined the 2019 adjusted volumes and amounts that would have been
- 9 charged to KWHI by the IESO had there not been a meter point missing. KWHI has
- 10 received from the IESO volumes and charges for the missing meter point and included
- the missing meter point data for 2019 in Appendix A. These volumes and charges are
- added to what was charged by the IESO in 2019 to give adjusted volumes and charges
- 13 for 2019 and are shown on Table 1 below:

14 **Table 1** 

IESO		Network									
Month	Units Billed	Units not billed in error	Total Units	Α	Amount Billed		Amount Rilled		mount not led in error	T	otal Amount
January	262.718	25.585	288.303	\$	974.684	\$	94,920	\$	1,069,604		
February	265,474	25,002	290,476	\$	984,909	\$	92,757	\$	1,077,666		
March	253,930	24,543	278,473	\$	942,080	\$	91,055	\$	1,033,135		
April	220,744	20,009	240,753	\$	818,960	\$	74,233	\$	893,194		
May	210,198	17,672	227,870	\$	779,835	\$	65,563	\$	845,398		
June	275,170	25,846	301,016	\$	1,045,646	\$	95,889	\$	1,141,535		
July	319,144	30,284	349,428	\$	1,197,556	\$	115,988	\$	1,313,544		
August	290,004	26,063	316,067	\$	1,110,715	\$	99,821	\$	1,210,537		
September	268,564	23,679	292,243	\$	1,028,600	\$	90,691	\$	1,119,291		
October	237,105	20,017	257,122	\$	908,112	\$	76,665	\$	984,777		
November	245,918	22,474	268,392	\$	941,866	\$	86,075	\$	1,027,941		
December	247,060	23,948	271,008	\$	946,240	\$	91,721	\$	1,037,961		
Total	3,096,029	285,122	3,381,151	\$	11,679,203	\$	1,075,378	\$	12,754,581		

- Next, using the 2019 adjusted historical 2019 transmission volumes and the current
- 17 UTR rate as per EB-2020-0251, KWHI determined the expected billing for Network
- 18 Service charges.

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1 Table 2

IESO	Network																
Month	Units Billed	Units not billed in error	Total Units	An	nount Billed		mount not led in error	T	Total Amount		Total Amount		Total Amount		Rate	Forecast Wholesale	
January	262,718	25,585	288,303	\$	974,684	\$	94,920	\$	1,069,604	\$	4.67	\$	1,346,375				
February	265.474	25,002	290,476	\$	984.909	\$	92,757	\$	1,077,666	\$	4.67	\$	1,356,523				
March	253,930	24,543	278,473	\$	942,080	\$	91,055	\$	1,033,135	\$	4.67	\$	1,300,469				
April	220,744	20,009	240,753	\$	818,960	\$	74,233	\$	893,194	\$	4.67	\$	1,124,317				
May	210,198	17,672	227,870	\$	779,835	\$	65,563	\$	845,398	\$	4.67	\$	1,064,153				
June	275,170	25,846	301,016	\$	1,045,646	\$	95,889	\$	1,141,535	\$	4.67	\$	1,405,745				
July	319,144	30,284	349,428	\$	1,197,556	\$	115,988	\$	1,313,544	\$	4.67	\$	1,631,829				
August	290,004	26,063	316,067	\$	1,110,715	\$	99,821	\$	1,210,537	\$	4.67	\$	1,476,033				
September	268,564	23,679	292,243	\$	1,028,600	\$	90,691	\$	1,119,291	\$	4.67	\$	1,364,775				
October	237,105	20,017	257,122	\$	908,112	\$	76,665	\$	984,777	\$	4.67	\$	1,200,760				
November	245,918	22,474	268,392	\$	941,866	\$	86,075	\$	1,027,941	\$	4.67	\$	1,253,391				
December	247,060	23,948	271,008	\$	946,240	\$	91,721	\$	1,037,961	\$	4.67	\$	1,265,607				
Total	3,096,029	285,122	3,381,151	\$	11,679,203	\$	1,075,378	\$	12,754,581	\$	4.67	\$	15,789,975				

- 3 Finally, using current consumer volumes and revised current wholesale amounts, a
- 4 new RTSR network rate is determined:

5 Table 3

Rate Class	Unit	Current RTSR- Network	Loss Adjusted Billed kWh	Billed kW	Billed Amount	Billed Amount %	Current Wholesale Billing	Adjusted RTSR Network	
Residential Service	\$/kWh	0.0063	685.839.020	0	4.320.786	35.0%	5.527.841	0.0081	
General Service Less Than 50 kW	\$/kWh	0.0055	244,452,188	0	1,344,487	10.9%	1,720,083	0.0070	
General Service 50 To 4,999 kW	\$/kW	2.9203	, ,	2,160,633	6,309,697	51.1%	8,072,374	3.7361	
Large Use	\$/kW	2.7447		73,082	200,588	1.6%	256,624	3.5115	
Unmetered Scattered Load	\$/kWh	0.0055	4,122,740	0	22,675	0.2%	29,010	0.0070	
Street Lighting	\$/kW	1.7758		20,401	36,228	0.3%	46,349	2.2719	
Embedded Distributor	\$/kW	2.7534		39,089	107,628	0.9%	137,695	3.5226	

## **Bill Impacts**

- 9 In KWHI's Decision EB-2020-0035, bill impacts for residential customers were nil.
- 10 Many changes have been made to rates since KWHI's Decision was issued on
- 11 December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, including the OER rate and electricity rates. Using the same bill
- impact model as EB-2020-0035, the impact of adjusting the RTSR Network Service
- Rate for a Residential customer is \$0.93 or 0.87% and for a GS<50 customer \$2.75 or
- 14 0.99%.



1 Table 4

Rate Class		Bill crease \$	Bill Increase %		
Residential Service	\$	0.93	0.87%		
General Service Less Than 50 kW	\$	2.75	0.99%		



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Jan-19	(\$94,920.35)	21-Jan-19	(25,585)	3.71
Feb-19	(\$92,757.42)	01-Feb-19	(25,002)	3.71
Mar-19	(\$91,054.53)	05-Mar-19	(24,543)	3.71
Apr-19	(\$74,233.39)	01-Apr-19	(20,009)	3.71
May-19	(\$65,563.12)	01-May-19	(17,672)	3.71
Jun-19	(\$95,888.66)	27-Jun-19	(25,846)	3.71
Jul-19	(\$115,987.72)	05-Jul-19	(30,284)	3.83
Aug-19	(\$99,821.29)	21-Aug-19	(26,063)	3.83
Sep-19	(\$90,690.57)	11-Sep-19	(23,679)	3.83
Oct-19	(\$76,665.11)	01-Oct-19	(20,017)	3.83
Nov-19	(\$86,075.42)	13-Nov-19	(22,474)	3.83
Dec-19	(\$91,720.84)	19-Dec-19	(23,948)	3.83