

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) EB-2020-0039

Staff Question - 1

Ref: (1) Rate Generator, Tab 3, cell BE36 and BJ36
 (2) Decision and Order, EB-2018-0053, p. 9

2019 Approved Balances

The 2021 IRM Rate Generator shows no balances in Account 1595 (2019) principal and carrying charges (cells BE36 and BJ36), for the 2019 rate year, which does not match Table 6.2 of Milton Hydro's 2019 Decision and Rate Order.

Account Descriptions	Account Number	Opening Principal Amounts as of Jan 1, 2019	Transactions Debit/ (Credit) during 2019	OEB-Approved Disposition during 2019	Principal Adjustments ¹ during 2019	Closing Principal Balance Dec 31
Group 1 Accounts						
LV Variance Account	1550	930,730	227,431	819,540		
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(54,282)	(17,909)	(24,460)		
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge ⁵	1580	91,403	7,132	269,398		(1)
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class A ⁵	1580	0	0			
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B ⁵	1580	(305,602)	(262,539)	(269,541)		(2)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(241,428)	190,225	(256,515)		
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(43,894)	(814)	(125,978)		
RSVA - Power ⁴	1588	(504,173)	(1,500,090)	(557,375)		(1.4)
RSVA - Global Adjustment ⁴	1589	1,790,082	(87,453)	1,337,585		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2014 and pre-2014) ³	1595	(84,903)	(0)	(84,903)		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2015) ³	1595	0				
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2016) ³	1595	85,231	(0)	82,602		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2017) ³	1595	86,112	(132,080)			
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2018) ³	1595	0				
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2019) ³	1595	0	403,516			
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	1,790,082	(87,453)	1,337,585	0	
Total Group 1 Balance excluding Account 1589 - Global Adjustment		(40,807)	(1,085,129)	(147,232)	0	(9)
Total Group 1 Balance		1,749,275	(1,172,582)	1,190,353	0	(6)

Account Descriptions	Account Number	Interest Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2019	OEB-Approved Disposition during 2019	Interest Adjustments during 2019	Closing Interest Amounts as of Dec 31, 2019	Principal Disposition during 2020 - instructed by OEB	Interest Disposition during 2020 - instructed by OEB
Group 1 Accounts							
LV Variance Account	1550	13,126	38,007		7,992		
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(1,094)	(1,156)		(1,173)		
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge ⁸	1580	7,866	(6,181)	(2,110)	8,043		
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class A ⁵	1580				0		
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B ⁵	1580	(15,711)	(11,933)	2,110	(9,487)		
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(1,481)	1,335		(852)		
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(2,018)	1,696		65		
RSVA - Power ⁴	1588	(12,808)	(47,545)		(20,182)		
RSVA - Global Adjustment ⁴	1589	42,314	59,875		27,154		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2014 and pre-2014) ³	1595	(2,704)	10,342		(666)		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2015) ³	1595				0		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2016) ³	1595	5,574	(78,687)		(54)		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2017) ³	1595	1,935			(52,308)		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2018) ³	1595				0		
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2019) ³	1595						
<small>Refer to the Filing Requirements for disposition eligibility.</small>							
	1595	10,704			10,704		
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	42,314	59,875	0	27,154	0	0
Total Group 1 Balance excluding Account 1589 - Global Adjustment		3,389	(94,122)	0	(57,917)	0	0
Total Group 1 Balance		45,703	(34,247)	0	(30,763)	0	0

- a) Please confirm that a principal amount of (\$1,190,353) and an interest amount of \$34,247, approved for disposition in EB-2018-0053, have been transferred into the applicable sub-accounts of Account 1595 and should be itemized in cells BE36 and BJ36 of the 2021 IRM Rate Generator.
- b) If so, OEB staff will make the necessary updates. If not, please explain why and discuss any variances.

Response:

- a) Confirmed, the principal and interest amounts were transferred into the applicable sub-accounts of account 1595 Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2019) and should have been itemized between the Transactions Debit/(Credit) During 2019 columns for Principal and Interest and the OEB Approved Disposition During 2019 columns for Principal and Interest.
- b) Attached is an updated Rate Generator reflecting the adjustments.

Staff Question – 2

2018 Principal Adjustments

Ref: (1) Rate Generator, Tab 3, cells AV23 and AV28

Please explain the principal adjustment of (\$1,062,593) in Account 1580 – RSVA-Wholesale Market Service Charge and \$1,062,593 in Account 1588 – RSVA Power.

Response:

In 2019 it was identified that Charge Type 102 Transmission Rights Clearing Account Credit on monthly IESO power bill was being captured as a credit to USoA 1588 RSVA Power but should have been captured as a credit to USoA 1580 RSVA Wholesale Market Service Charge. Milton Hydro corrected the transactions in 2019, by reflecting them in the appropriate accounts by year end, however the correction affected 2018 after the 2018 account balances were closed, so a post closing adjustment was required. In addition, since there was a net zero impact to the Group One account balances prior to 2018 such that there would be no impact to rate riders of any classes in prior years, Milton Hydro determined that no adjustments were required to USoA 1580 and 1588 account balances for prior years.

Staff Question – 3

2019 Interest Adjustments

Ref: (1) Rate Generator, Tab 3, cells BK23 and BK25

Please explain the interest adjustment of (\$2,220) in Account 1580 – RSVA-Wholesale Market Service Charge and Account 1580 – Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B.

Response:

It was identified that the transfer of amounts approved for disposition in 2019 were not journalized consistent with the amounts approved by the OEB in the 2019 IRM Rate application for the RSVA – Wholesale Market Services control account and the RSVA WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B. A post-closing journal entry was required in 2020, to transfer amounts between the accounts to correct the account balances for 2019 for this misallocation.

Staff Question – 4

Updates – Rate Generator

Ref: (1) 2021 Rate Generator, Tab 17

OEB staff has made the following updates to Milton Hydro's Rate Generator:

- Tab 17 cell F39 Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - Approved on an Interim Basis has been kept to \$44.50¹
- Tab 17 cell D23 RPP Prices – Off-Peak \$/kWh 0.0850
- Tab 17 cell D24 RPP Prices – Mid-Peak \$/kWh 0.1190
- Tab 17 cell D15 RPP Prices – On-Peak \$/kWh 0.1760²
- Tab 20 Ontario Electricity Rebate of 21.2%

(Please note there may further updates before final issuance of the Decision)

Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator following OEB staff's updates.

Response:

Milton Hydro confirms the changes noted above, and also confirms that Tab 11. RTSR - UTRs & Sub-Tx was updated for 2021 Rates. Milton Hydro has updated Tab 20. Bill Impacts to reflect changes to RTSRs.

¹ EB-2020-0288, Order, issued December 10, 2020, p. 3

² EB-2020-0251, Decision and Order, issued December 17, 2020, p. 2 and Schedule B