

February 2, 2021

Ms. Katherine Wang

Ontario Energy Board

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**RE: Ottawa River Power Corporation 2021 Electricity Distribution Rates EB-2020-0049
Responses to Interrogatories of OEB Staff**

Dear Ms. Wang,

Please find enclosed the responses to OEB Staff interrogatories relating to Ottawa River Power Corporation's 2020 IRM Application for Electricity Distribution Rates effective May 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey Roy, CPA, CA

Chief Financial Officer

Ottawa River Power Corporation (Ottawa River Power)
EB-2020-0049
January 27, 2021

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Staff Question-1

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model Tab 11 RTSR – UTRs & Sub-Tx, Tab 12 RTSR – Historical Wholesale

In Tab 11 of the IRM model, Ottawa River Power entered Sub-transmission rates information in rows 44 to 56 under the name of “Brookfield”. In Tab 12, Ottawa River Power also entered historical billing data for “Brookfield”. Rows 44 to 56 in Tab 11 are for distributor to add its additional host-distributor (other than Hydro One Networks) sub-transmission rates information for 2019 to 2021.

Please explain the sub-transmission relationship between Ottawa River Power and Brookfield (i.e. why Brookfield's RTSR rates and billing data should be applied in Tab 11 and Tab 12 for Ottawa River Power's RTSR annual adjustments). Please provide the relevant supporting evidence for the Brookfield's RTSR rates for 2019 to 2021 entered in Tab 11.

Brookfield is a generator located in Quebec from which Ottawa River Power Corporation has its license amended to be able to purchase power from Quebec. The company has been purchasing power from this entity for many years and has always included their rates in the IRM model. Their transmission and wholesale market charges are calculated based on a percentage of Hydro One's charge. Ottawa River Power Corporation recently was approved for an extension to the contract through application EB-2020-0237. Due to the large volume of evidence related to this, Ottawa River Power suggests reviewing the application which provides all contracts, operating agreements and benefits received by purchasing power from Brookfield.

Staff Question-2

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model Tab 3 Continuity Schedule – Projected Interest for January to April 2021 (column BR)

In column BR of the continuity schedule, Ottawa River Power applied an interest rate of 2.18% for the projected interest for January to April 2021. According to the [“Prescribed interest rates”](#) webpage, the prescribed interest rate for Q1 2021 is 0.57%. Please

confirm whether or not the interest rate used in column BR should be updated to 0.57%, if so, please update the model.

Ottawa River Power Corporation agrees that the interest rate should be updated to 0.57% and has updated the model accordingly. Please see the revised model.

Staff Question-3

Ref 1: Volumetric Unit for Sentinel Lighting Class

Ref 2: Rate Generator Model Tab 4, Tab 20

It's noted that Ottawa River Power applied the consumption unit "kWh" as the volumetric unit for Sentinel Lighting Class in Tab 4 and Tab 20 of the Rate Generator Model. Therefore, the DVA (2021) rate rider is calculated and will be billed to customers in this class on dollar per consumption (\$/kWh) basis. OEB staff noted that Ottawa River Power's DVA (2019) rate rider in the Sentinel Lighting class approved in EB-2018-0063 was on demand basis (i.e. \$/kW).

Please confirm the correct volumetric unit that should be applied to the Sentinel Lighting class for the DVA rate rider and update the model if needed.

Ottawa River Power agrees that Sentinel Lighting should be based on a demand basis and has updated the model accordingly. Please see the revised model.

Staff Question-4

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model Tab 20

In Tab 20 Bill Impacts of the Rate Generator Model, please enter the required billing determinants for the fixed charge for the three unmetered classes. (Related instructions can be found in Note 2 in this Tab, if needed.)

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Rate Rider or Identifier?	Billing Determinant Applied to Fixed Charge for Unmetered Classes (e.g. # of devices/connections).
Rate Rider	
Rate Rider	
Rate Rider	
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Rate Rider	

Ottawa River Power Corporation has updated the model accordingly. The Street Light determinant was calculated using the average number of connections between the 5 Street Lighting customers.