**Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (NOWI)**

**EB-2020-0044**

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**Follow up Question-1**

Ref: (1) 2021 Rate Generator Model, Tab 16

(2) OEB’s letter, 2021 Inflation Parameters, issued November 9, 2020,

OEB staff has updated the Rate Generator in the following areas:

* Tab 16 cell B12 the Price Escalator has been updated with a placeholder value of 2.20%

In light of the continued uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the OEB allowed utilities to elect the calculated IPI level per the OEB-approved methodology (offset by the applicable stretch factor and other adjustments for some plans) or a lower value. For the 2021 rate year, utilities also have the discretion to forego the inflationary increase entirely. The letter noted that utilities filing rate application for May 1, 2021 shall make an election by February 5, 2021.[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Please confirm when NOWI if intending to file their election for the IPI level used to determine NOWI’s Price Cap Adjustment for the 2021 rate year.
2. Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator Model following OEB staff’s updates.

**Follow up Question-2**

Ref: (1) 2021 Rate Generator Model

OEB staff has made the following updates to NOWI’s Rate Generator:

* Tab 11 – UTRs and 2021 Hydro One sub-tx rates were updated

Uniform Transmission Rates (see second reference):

* + Network Service Rate $/kW 4.67
  + Line Connection Service Rate $/kW 0.77
  + Transformation Connection Service Rate $/kW 2.53

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates (see third reference):

* + Network Service Rate $/kW 3.4778
  + Line Connection Service Rate $/kW 0.8128
  + Transformation Connection Service Rate $/kW 2.0458
* 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 $44.50[[2]](#footnote-2)
* 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 0.1760[[3]](#footnote-3)
* Tab 20 Ontario Electricity Rebate of 21.2%[[4]](#footnote-4)

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

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

1. OEB Letter, 2021 Inflation Factor, issued November 9, 2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. EB-2020-0288, Order, issued December 10, 2020, p. 3 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. EB-2020-0251, Decision and Order, issued December 17, 2020, p. 2 and Schedule B [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Letter, New Regulated price Plan Prices effective January 1, 2021, issued December 15, 2020 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)