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Attention Registrar,

**Re: Electricity Distribution License ED-2003-0004
2022 IRM Application for Electricity Distribution Rates (EB-2021-0010)**

On December 10, 2021 Burlington Hydro Inc. ("Burlington Hydro") received written questions from Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") Staff relating to BHI's Electricity Distribution Rates application under the Fourth Generation Incentive Rate-Setting Mechanism ("Price Cap IR") for electricity distribution rates and other charges effective May 1, 2022. BHI submits its written responses to OEB Staff's questions as an attachment to this letter.

Yours truly,

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Attachments

**Burlington Hydro Inc.
Interrogatory Responses
EB-2021-0010**

Staff Question-1

Ref: (1) Rate Generator Model, Tab 6 – Class A Consumption Data

Preamble:

At the above reference, Customer 8's kW and kWh values in 2020 decrease from 1,023,995 kWh and 6,056 kW to 218,526 kWh and 598 kW, respectively.

Question:

- a) Please confirm that the values noted above are accurate and, if possible, explain the substantive change in this customer's consumption and demand.

Response:

- a) BHI confirms that the values reported for Customer 8 on Tab 6 – Class A Consumption Data of the Rate Generator Model are accurate. The reason for the substantive change in this customer's consumption and demand is that the customer closed their business in 2020. BHI notes however, that this information is not relevant to the approval of this application.

Staff Question-2

Ref: (1) Rate Generator Model, Tab 3 – Continuity Schedule, Column AV

Question:

- a) For 2019, please explain the principal adjustments reported in the continuity schedule for Group 1 accounts other than Accounts 1588 and 1589.

Response:

- a) BHI's DVA balances as at December 31, 2019 were approved for disposition as part of its 2021 Cost of Service rate application¹. As instructed in cell E28 of the "Instruction" tab of the Rate Generator Model for Tab 3 – Continuity Schedule, BHI input the approved closing 2019 balances in the Adjustments column under 2019.

Staff Question-3

Ref: (1) Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.2a – CBR B_Allocation

Question:

- a) At the above reference, please populate the entries for Total Consumption Less WMP Consumption for years 2016 to 2019 in the model. Currently these cells are blank.

Response:

- a) BHI submits that these cells should be blank as the last year Account 1580 CBR Class B was approved for disposition was 2019, and therefore the total consumption in the table should only include 2020 when calculating the Transition Customers' Portion of CBR Class B Balance.

Staff Question-4

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

Question:

¹ EB-2020-0007, Decision and Order, April 15, 2021, p4

- a) At reference 1, please fill in the “Units Billed” and “Amount” columns for Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates. Please ensure that the Hydro One Networks’ Network, Line Connection and Transformation Connection rates on tab 12 – Historical Wholesale are consistent with what was entered on tab 11 – UTRs and Sub-TX.

Response:

- a) BHI is not an embedded distributor, and therefore does not pay Hydro One sub-transmission rates.

Staff Question-5

Ref: (1) Manager’s Summary, pp.13-14

Preamble:

The above reference, BHI states the following:

“Variances of \$422,095 and (\$34,335) in accounts RSVA – Power (USoA 1588) and RSVA – Global Adjustment (USoA 1589), respectively, are corrections related to 2020 activity, which BHI identified after filing its 2020 RRRs and is requesting a RRR revision to correct.”

Question:

- a) Please explain in further detail the drivers for the variances in Accounts 1588 and 1589.

Response:

- a) The corrections to Accounts 1588 and 1589 were driven by a change in the RPP and non-RPP consumption used for the purposes of calculating the IESO RPP vs. Market Price Claim for the months of October, November, and December 2020. BHI transitioned to a new Customer Information System (“CIS”) in 2021 which has the capability of storing meter data by customer in the period that it is consumed. BHI’s old CIS did not store consumption by calendar month for

customers billed on a non-calendar month basis - it stored it by bill period. As a result of the new CIS implementation, and the manner in which meter data is stored, BHI had access to more accurate monthly consumption data by customer back to October 2020. It used this data to true-up its IESO RPP vs. Market Price Claim for Q4 2020 and recalculate the RPP vs. Market Price difference due from the IESO. This consequently affected Accounts 1588 and 1589 by reducing the amount owed to BHI by customers. The difference was recovered from the IESO.