Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation

Response to OEB Staff Questions

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Please also note, OEB staff has made the following generic updates in Chapleau Public Utilities’ Rate Generator Model and attached it to the OEB staff questions:

* Updated the IPI Inflation Factor to 3.30%[[1]](#footnote-1) in Tab 16 and Tab 17-Retail Service Charges[[2]](#footnote-2)
* Updated the Ontario Electricity Rebate in Tab 20 to 17% (as of November 1, 2021)
* Updated the Wireline Pole Attachment Charge to $34.76[[3]](#footnote-3) in Tab 17 and removed the reference to approval on an interim basis on Tab 19
* Updated the 2022 UTRs[[4]](#footnote-4) and Hydro One Sub-transmission rates[[5]](#footnote-5) in Tab 15

**Staff-1**

**Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 1**

Please select the vintage year in which there is a balance in Account 1595 (cell F47).

**CPUC Response:** CPUC has modified the model to select 2019 in Tab 1 cell F47 as the earliest vintage year.

**Staff-2**

**Ref: Manager’s Summary, p. 14**

Chapleau Public Utilities states the following: “GA rate riders calculated on an energy basis (kWh) (not applicable in this case).” Please explain what is meant by “not applicable in this case.”

**CPUC Response:** The statement referring to “not applicable in this case, is incorrect, please disregard the comment.

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**Ref 1: Manager’s Summary, p. 14-15**

**Ref 2: Rate Generator Model, Tab 1 and Tab 3**

In Chapleau Public Utilities’ 2021 rate application (EB-2020-0010), the OEB made final Chapleau Public Utilities’ 2014 to 2018 DVA balances that were previously disposed on an interim basis. There was no disposition of the 2019 DVA balances due to the disposition threshold not being met. In this application, Chapleau states the following:

* Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that Group 1 2019 balances were approved on an interim basis and Chapleau Public Utilities is seeking final disposition of these balances in the herein application.
* Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that Global Adjustment rate rider for 2020 were also approved on an interim basis and Chapleau Public Utilities is seeking final disposition of these balances in the herein application.
* Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that Deferral/Variance accounts rate rider for 2020 were also approved on an interim basis and are seeking final disposition of these balances in the herein application.

These statements are not consistent with other areas of the application evidence and with what was determined in Chapleau Public Utilities’ 2021 rate application.

1. Please clarify or correct the above-noted statements.
2. Please confirm the years Chapleau Public Utilities is seeking disposition of its DVA balances on a final basis.
3. If Chapleau Public Utilities is seeking final disposition of its DVA balances for 2019 and 2020, please update tab 3 of the Rate Generator Model by inputting the approved ending balances in the Adjustments column for 2018.

**CPUC Response:** the statements have been revised below.

* Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that Group 1 2014-2018 balances were made final as part of its 2021 rates. 2019 balances were not disposed of in its 2021 rates as the disposition threshold was not met.
* ~~Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that Global Adjustment rate rider for 2020 rates were approved on an interim basis and Chapleau Public Utilities is seeking final disposition of these balances in the herein application.~~
* Chapleau Public Utilities confirms that it’s seeking disposition of its 2019 and 2020 balances Deferral/Variance accounts balances on a final basis.
* The IRM model filed along with these responses has been updated to reflect entries in 2018.

1. 2022 inflation factor established in the Decision and Order issued on November 18, 2021, EB-2021-0212 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. EB-2021-0301, Decision and Order, issued November 25, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. EB-2021-0302, Decision and Order, issued December 16, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. EB-2021-0276, Decision and Rate Order, issued December 16, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. EB-2021-0032, Decision and Rate Order, issued December 14, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)