

**ERTH Power Corporation
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OEB Staff-7: Both Rate Zones

Reference: (1) Response to OEB-Staff-4

In response to OEB Staff-4, ERTH Power indicated that it merged its Customer Information System in 2019 and as such receives a single IESO invoice.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain whether the single IESO invoice is broken down by rate zone. If not, please explain how ERTH Power determines the Group 1 balances for each of the rate zones when it receives a single IESO invoice.

ERTH Power's IESO invoice is not broken down by rate zone. ERTH Power has a separate wholesale meter point for the Goderich rate zone and splits most components of the IESO invoice based on wholesale Kwh's for each rate zone. Some components are also split based on customer count for each rate zone.

- b) Please explain when ERTH Power plans to consolidate Group 1 balances for the two rate zones.

ERTH Power will consolidate Group 1 balances during the next Cost of Service application.

- c) If ERTH Power plans to consolidate Group 1 balances at the end of the rebasing period, please explain ERTH Power's view on consolidating at an earlier time.
 - i. Please explain whether ERTH Power anticipates any issues with consolidating at an earlier time. If so, please explain.

ERTH Power is open to consolidating Group 1 balances at an earlier time, however given that balances for 1584 and 1586 will be impacted by Network and Connection rates that are different by rate zone we are unsure as to how that would ensure that customers are paying for (or credited for) balances that are resulting from their usage directly. Provided one rate does not subsidize another with respect to these balances ERTH is open to consolidating these balances.