

RENFREW HYDRO INC.

2023 IRM APPLICATION

EB-2022-0060

Applicant's Responses to OEB Staff Questions



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Staff Question-1

Reference: *Manager's Summary, Page 23*

Preamble:

In the Manager's Summary, Renfrew Hydro states that it last disposed of the principal balance in account 1568 in the 2020 rate application and is not applying for disposition in this proceeding.

The 2021 CDM Guidelines (section 8) require distributors filing an application for 2023 rates to seek disposition of all outstanding LRAMVA balances related to previously established thresholds, including approval of LRAM-eligible amounts in future years (arising from persisting savings) until a distributor's next rebasing application, unless a distributor does not have complete information on eligible savings.

Questions:

- a) Please explain why a request for disposition was not submitted as part of this application.

Renfrew Hydro Inc. – Response

Renfrew Hydro Inc. (RHI) regrets not filing for LRAMVA on initial application. RHI, in collaboration with Hydro Ottawa, has obtained the data and is respectfully submitting a revised IRM Rate generator model along with LRAM model in the attached updates. RHI also confirms 2018 kW and the 2019 & 2020 savings were calculated using the individual project data approved by the IESO and that per the Chapter 3 Filing requirements results from the IESO's 2017 program evaluation have been applied to gross savings, including net-to-gross factors and gross realization rates.

- b) Please also confirm that Renfrew Hydro has verified that relative to the LRAMVA threshold (if any) established in Renfrew Hydro's most recent rebasing application, the balance in the LRAMVA, and any prospective LRAM-eligible amounts until the next rebasing, are either zero or a debit (i.e., not a credit that would need to be refunded to customers).

Renfrew Hydro Inc. – Response

RHI confirms that it has verified the balance in the LRAMVA is a net debit, however certain classes will receive credits that would need to be refunded to customers. Prospective LRAM calculations are in a debit position to be settled at a future date.

Staff Question-2

Reference: *Manager's Summary, Page 20*

IRM Rate Generator, Tab 6: Class A consumption Data

Preamble:

In the Managers Summary, Renfrew Hydro notes that the 2019 historical balances for accounts 1588 and 1589 were approved for final disposition in the 2021 IRM proceeding.

Questions:

- a) Please update the values entered for the year accounts 1589 and 1580 were last disposed on Tab 1 and Tab 6 of the rate generator.

Renfrew Hydro Inc. – Response

RHI did note in the Managers Summary that 2019 historical balances were approved for final disposition in the 2021 IRM proceeding. This was only noted to confirm that pre-2019 historical balances were considered in reference to the 2019 Accounting Guidance on the commodity accounts and approved for final disposition in the 2021 IRM proceeding. In this proceeding RHI confirms that the 2020 balances in 1589 and 1580 were the last balances approved for final disposition (EB-2021-0055). RHI therefore confirms that Tab 1 and Tab 6 are correct in the rate generator model, and further confirms that the request for the disposition of Group 1 account balances only pertains to variances accumulated during the 2021 calendar year.

Staff Question-3

Reference: *IRM Rate Generator Tab 17, 19 and 20*

OEB staff has updated the SME charge from \$0.43 to \$0.42.

Question:

- a) Please confirm this is correct.

Renfrew Hydro Inc. – Response

RHI confirms that the SME charge should have been updated from \$0.43 to \$0.42 (EB-2022-0137) and confirms these cells have been adjusted accordingly in this response.