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December 16, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2022-0056 Orangeville Hydro Limited - 2023 Electricity Rates  
Interrogatories of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

Please find enclosed the interrogatories of VECC in the above-noted proceeding. We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant.

Yours truly,

John Lawford

Counsel for VECC

Copy to: Amy Long, Chief Financial Officer

**EB-2022-0056**

**Orangeville Hydro Limited**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges effective May 1, 2023**

**VECC Interrogatories December 16, 2022**

**VECC-1**

Ref: Application p. 16

The evidence states “Orangeville Hydro last adjusted its Low Voltage rate in its 2014 Cost of Service Application (EB-2013-0160). Since that time, the Low Voltage amounts paid to the host distributor have increased significantly annually. Orangeville Hydro has used the same approach that the IRM model uses to adjust RTSR rates.”

- a) Please describe the methodology used.
- b) Please confirm Orangeville Hydro used the same methodology approved in EB-2013-0160 to adjust the low voltage rate. If not, please explain the differences.
- c) Please confirm that energy based billing determinants are adjusted for losses but the demand based billing determinants are not adjusted for losses.
- d) Please explain why this adjustment is required in 2023 and cannot wait until Orangeville Hydro’s next Cost of Service application.
- e) Please provide the current balance in account 1550 LV Variance.
- f) Please explain why this request is in the best interest of customers.
- g) Please confirm Orangeville Hydro is only seeking to reset the LVSR for the 2023 rate year and not for future IRM years.

**VECC-2**

Ref: Application p. 16

Orangeville Hydro expects that the Low Voltage rates can be adjusted based on the OEB-approved host-Low Voltage rates when determined.

Please provide the timing of this adjustment and the impact on the proposed Low Voltage rates in 2023.

### VECC-3

Ref: Application p. 16-17

Please provide a table that sets out the following for the years 2014 to 2023:

- Low Voltage Payments to Host Distributors
- Low Voltage Revenues
- Variance of Costs compared to Revenues

### VECC-4

Ref: Application p. 16-17

Please quantify the anticipated incremental impact/variance on the total balances in account 1550 LV Variance Account (as of December 31, 2023) based on a) status quo of LVSRs and b) Orangeville Hydro's proposed updated LVSRs.

### VECC-5

Ref: EB-2021-0042 Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. IRM Application & Decision

- a) Please discuss how Orangeville Hydro's methodology to calculate the adjustment to Low Voltage Service Rates in 2023 differs from the Low Voltage adjustment methodology/calculation approved in Milton Hydro's application for 2022 rates.
- b) If different, please explain the advantages of Orangeville Hydro's proposed methodology.

### VECC-6

Ref: Application p.16

Orangeville Hydro is applying for an adjustment of its Low Voltage (LV) rates billed to customers based on a comparison of historical LV costs adjusted for expected increases to the Low Voltage rates.

Please provide this comparison.