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**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission  
Synergy North Corporation  
Application for the Disposal of Accounts 1588 and 1589  
OEB File Number: [EB-2023-0106](#)**

Pursuant to the OEB's Decision and Order dated July 6, 2023 (Decision), Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North) filed a Draft Rate Order (DRO) with supporting material on July 13, 2023.

OEB staff filed a letter with the OEB on August 4, 2023, advising that OEB staff had inadvertently missed the deadline for filing a submission on Synergy North's DRO, and asking for permission to file a submission.

On August 4, 2023, the OEB issued a letter granting OEB staff permission to file its submission on the DRO by August 9, 2023. The letter also states that should the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition wish to file any comments on the DRO, it may do so by the same date. The letter provides that Synergy North may file a reply to the submission(s) on the DRO by August 16, 2023.

OEB staff has reviewed the DRO and submits that the following mistakes were identified in the Tariff of Rates and Charges (for the Thunder Bay rate zone and Kenora rate zone) filed in the DRO.

Tariff of Rates and Charges for the Thunder Bay Rate Zone:

1. Under each of the Residential, General Service (GS) Less Than 50 kW, GS 50 to 999 kW, GS 1,000 kW or Greater, Unmetered Scattered Load, Sentinel Lighting and Street Lighting service classifications, the rate rider expiry dates for the following three rate riders are incorrect. The rate rider expiry dates should be

April 30, 2024 (as approved in Synergy North's 2023 IRM proceeding<sup>1</sup>) rather than June 30, 2024.

- Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023)
  - Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2023)
  - Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023)
2. Under the Street Lighting service classification, the values of the following two rate riders are incorrect. The value for the first of the rate riders (i.e., Account 1589) should be \$(0.0051)/kWh, and the value for the second of the rate riders (i.e., Account 1588) should be \$0.2720/kW. The Tariff of Rates and Charges filed with the DRO has these two values mismatched.
- Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1589 Global Adjustment (2023)  
Applicable only for Non-RPP Class B customers
  - Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1588 Power (2023)

Tariff of Rates and Charges for the Kenora Rate Zone:

1. The value of the following service charge under the Specific Service Charges is incorrect. It should be \$36.05 (as approved in Synergy North's 2023 IRM proceeding<sup>2</sup>). The Tariff of Rates and Charges filed with the DRO has an incorrect value of \$34.76.
- Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year

OEB staff submits that Synergy North should be required to file a revised DRO with the above listed mistakes corrected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges for the two rate zones.

OEB staff further submits that in the situation that Synergy North cannot implement the two new rate riders (for the disposal of Accounts 1588 and 1589) on time, Synergy North should propose a revised implementation plan with supporting models and calculations along with the updated DRO. OEB staff will support Synergy North's revised implementation plan of the rate riders, given the delayed submission by OEB staff. OEB staff will work with Synergy North to ensure the accuracy of the revised DRO.

Yours truly,

Katherine Wang

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2022-0063

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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cc: All parties in [EB-2023-0106](#)