

**OEB Staff Interrogatories
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
EB-2023-0046**

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Staff Question - 1

Ref: Rate Generator Model 2024, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

On September 12, 2023, the OEB published the 2023 Quarter 4 prescribed accounting interest rates applicable to the carrying charges of deferral, variance and construction work in progress (CWIP) accounts of natural gas utilities, electricity distributors and other rate-regulated entities.

Question:

- a) Please update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) as necessary to reflect the Q4 2023 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 5.49%.

OEB Staff Question -2

Ref: 2024 IRM Rate Generator, Tab 11, 15 and 20

On September 28, the OEB issued a letter regarding 2024 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates.¹ The OEB determined to use of preliminary UTRs to calculate 2024 Retail Service Transmission rates (RTSR) to improve regulatory efficiency, allowing for this data to feed into the rate applications including annual updates for electricity distributors on a timelier basis. The OEB also directed distributors to update their 2024 application with Hydro One Network Inc.'s proposed host RTSRs.

OEB staff has updated LDC's rate generator with the preliminary UTRs/and proposed host RTSR by HONI as follows:

¹ OEB Letter, EB-2023-0222, 2024 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates, issued September 28, 2023

UTRs

Uniform Transmission Rates		Unit	2022		2023		2024
			Jan to Mar	Apr to Dec	Jan to Jun	Jul to Dec	
Rate Description			Rate		Rate		Rate
Network Service Rate	kW	\$	5.13	5.46	5.60	5.37	\$ 5.76
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	0.88	0.88	0.92	0.88	\$ 0.95
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	2.81	2.81	3.10	2.98	\$ 3.21

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates		Unit	2022		2023		2024
			Rate		Rate		Rate
Rate Description			Rate		Rate		Rate
Network Service Rate	kW	\$	4.3473		4.6545		\$ 4.5778
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	0.6788		0.6056		\$ 0.6056
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	2.3267		2.8924		\$ 3.0673
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	3.0055		3.4980		\$ 3.6729

Question:

- a) Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator update, as well as the accuracy of the resulting Retail Transmission Service Rates following these updates.

Staff Question - 3

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model 2024, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

Ref 2: Rate Generator Model 2023, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

OEB staff has compiled a table below comparing Oshawa Power's continuity balances from the 2023 rate application and the 2024 rate application. The table shows Account 1595 (2016 and pre-2016) and Account 1595 (2018) have unexplained variances.

Question:

- a) Please explain the difference in the Account 1595 (2016 and pre-2016) and Account 1595 (2018) between the two IRM application.

LDC NAME	Oshawa PUC Networks						
	Account Number	From 2023 Rate Application		From 2024 filed application		Staff Calculation	
		Closing Principal Balance as of Dec 31, 2021	Closing Interest Amounts as of Dec 31, 2021	Opening Principal Amounts as of Jan 1, 2022	Opening Interest Amounts as of Jan 1, 2022	Principal variance Between Closing Balance as of Dec 31, 2021 and Opening Balance as of Jan 1, 2022	Interest variance Between Closing Balance as of Dec 31, 2021 and Opening Balance as of Jan 1, 2022
Account Descriptions							
LV Variance Account	1550	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(124,569)	(6,186)	(124,569)	(6,186)	0	0
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge5	1580	(1,339,697)	(85,777)	(1,339,697)	(85,777)	0	0
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class A5	1580	0	0	0	0	0	0
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B5	1580	(247,337)	(4,273)	(247,337)	(4,273)	0	0
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	2,288,496	9,209	2,288,496	9,209	0	0
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	1,886,088	(5,044)	1,886,088	(5,044)	0	0
RSVA - Power4	1588	(3,949,386)	(45,367)	(3,949,386)	(45,367)	0	0
RSVA - Global Adjustment4	1589	(529,019)	(139,011)	(529,019)	(139,011)	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2009)3	1595	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2016 and pre-2016)3	1595	(54,317)	189,673	0	0	54,317	(189,673)
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2017)3	1595	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2018)3	1595	(513,081)	(131,224)	0	0	513,081	131,224
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2019)3	1595	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2020)3	1595	(21,722)	(4,567)	(21,722)	(4,567)	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2021)3	1595	1,861	45,955	1,861	45,955	0	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2022)3	1595	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not to be disposed of until two years after rate rider has expired and that balance has been audited. Refer to the Filing Requirements for disposition eligibility.	1595	0	0	0	0	0	0

Staff Question - 4

Ref: Rate Generator Model 2024, Tab 6, Class A Consumption Data

Transition Customers - Non-loss Adjusted Billing Determinants by Customer

Customer	Rate Class		2022	
			July to December	January to June
Customer 1	GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	2,519,553	2,814,729
		kW	6,210	6,184
		Class A/B	A	B
Customer 2	GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	82,296	99,558
		kW	329	277
		Class A/B	A	B
Customer 3	GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	360,713	1,955,223
		kW	750	4,142
		Class A/B	B	A
Customer 4	GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	1,615,477	See Customer 3 above
		kW	3,600	Class B for July 2022 only
		Class A/B	A	

Questions:

- Please clarify the relationship between Customer 3 and Customer 4. and provide further explanation regarding the note for Customer 4.
- Customer 3 had a substantial decrease in consumption transferring from Class A at 1,955,223 kWh to Class B at 360,713 kWh. Please explain the factors that have resulted in the big difference.