

Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
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Staff Question-1

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

On September 28, 2023 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.² Any further updates to Hydro One’s proposed host RTSR will be reflected in the final rate generator.

OEB staff has updated LDC’s rate generator with the proposed host RTSR by HONI as follows:

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	
Rate Description		Rate		Rate		Rate
Network Service Rate	KW	\$ 4.3473	\$ 4.6545	\$ 4.6545	\$ 4.5778	\$ 4.5778
Line Connection Service Rate	KW	\$ 0.6788	\$ 0.6056	\$ 0.6056	\$ 0.6056	\$ 0.6056
Transformation Connection Service Rate	KW	\$ 2.3267	\$ 2.8924	\$ 2.8924	\$ 3.0673	\$ 3.0673
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	KW	\$ 3.0055	\$ 3.4980	\$ 3.4980	\$ 3.6729	\$ 3.6729

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

² EB-2023-0030, Hydro One’s 2024 Custom IR Annual Update Application

Question:

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-2

Ref: Rate Generator Model, 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:

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

Staff Question-3

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule Account 1580 Sub Account CBR Class B

Account 1580 Sub Account CBR Class B Column BM Principal Disposition Amount 2023 and Column BN Interest Disposition Amount 2023 do not have the disposition amounts entered.

Question

Please update Tab 3, Account 1580 Sub Account CBR Class B, Column BM and BN for the disposition amounts as were instructed by the OEB.