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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Subject: Electricity Distribution Licence No. ED-2002-0556
 2024 Electricity Distribution Rate Application (EB-2023-0032) - Draft
 Decision and Rate Order**

On November 8, 2023, Hydro Ottawa Limited (“Hydro Ottawa”) submitted an update (“Update Application”) to its 2024 annual electricity distribution rate application to incorporate specific annual and mid-term adjustments as agreed to as part of its five-year Custom Incentive Rate-setting (“Custom IR”) plan. On November 13, 2023 a subsequent update was filed (“RTSR Update”) to its 2024 annual electricity distribution rate application to incorporate updated sub-transmission rates from Hydro One. The Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) issued a draft decision and rate order (“DRO”) related to the 2024 Update Application and RTSR Update on December 1, 2023.

Hydro Ottawa has reviewed the OEB’s draft DRO for the 2024 Electricity Distribution Rate Application seeking approval for electricity distribution rates, and other charges, effective January 1, 2024 and confirms that the rates outlined in Schedule A of the DRO are complete and accurate; however, please note the below comments related to the OEB’s draft DRO.

- Consistent with prior years, Hydro Ottawa proposed to apply the customer-specific Class A GA adjustments and WMS CBR to its transition customers as a one-time adjustment rather than monthly adjustments¹. The last sentence in the first paragraph should read: The amounts allocated to each transition customer are proposed to be recovered (or refunded, as applicable), by way of a one-time bill adjustment.²
- Hydro Ottawa used the Deferral/Variance Account (“DVA”) Workform to calculate the Group 1 rate riders. The first sentence in the last paragraph in Section 9 references the Rate Generator Mode rather than the DVA Model. Hydro Ottawa suggests that the DRO should read: The OEB approves these balances to be disposed of through final rate

¹ Section 6 of Exhibit 9-3-1 Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts

² OEB’s draft - decision and rate order, page 16



riders, charges, or payments, as calculated in the DVA Workform.³ The related footnote should read: 2024 Deferral/Variance Account Workform Tab 6.1a GA Allocation, Tab 6.2a CB B_Allocation, Tab 7 Rate Rider Calculation.

- The 2024 Proposed amount for 'Account Set Up/Change of Occupancy Charge' in Table 12.1 Summary of Revised Specific Service Charges should be \$28.00 (rather than \$27.00)⁴.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours truly,

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³ OEB's draft - decision and rate order, page 17

⁴ Ibid, page 22