

**Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.**  
**EB-2023-0051**  
**January 10, 2024**  
**Response to OEB Staff Questions**

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**1-Staff-1**

**Ref: Manager’s Summary, page 8(Variance RRR vs 2022 Balances)**

The OEB in EB-2021-0057 approved the disposition of Sioux Lookout Hydro’s LRAMVA debit balance of \$17,060 (see below). Sioux Lookout Hydro noted in its application that the Rate rider ended on April 30, 2023, however, the continuity schedule is showing a variance of \$6,057 in column BW.

- a) Please clarify whether or not Sioux Lookout Hydro has fully recovered the \$17,060 approved by the OEB
- b) Please provide a breakdown of the variance
- c) Please confirm if Sioux Lookout Hydro will be seeking disposal of the amount in a future proceeding

**Response: 1-Staff-1**

- a) Yes, SLHI has fully recovered the \$17,060 approved by the OEB.
- b) Please see the table below for a breakdown of the variance and Account Balance as of December 31, 2023:

Rate Class	Principle December 31, 2021	Carrying Charges December 31, 2021	RRR Filing 2.1.7 Dec 31, 2021	Collected (Refunded) during 2022	December 31, 2022 Balance	Collected(Ref unded) during 2023	December 31, 2023 Balance
Residential	13,877	869	14,746	8,773	5,973	7,173	(1,200)
GS < %0	3,156	117	3,273	2,668	605	1,974	(1,369)
GS > 50	(3,873)	(141)	(4,014)	(2,996)	(1,018)	(1,882)	865
Street Lights	2,441	157	2,598	2,101	497	1,051	(554)
<b>Total LRAMVA</b>	<b>15,601</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>16,603</b>	<b>10,546</b>	<b>6,057</b>	<b>8,316</b>	<b>(2,258)</b>
		OEB Decision EB-2021-0057:	<b>\$17,060</b>				
		Variance (not material)	<b>(\$457)</b>				

- c) SLHI confirms that it will not be seeking disposal of the balance of \$(2,258) in a future proceeding.

**1-Staff-2**

**Ref 1: Manager's Summary, page 7 line 6 (Review and Disposition of Group 1 DVA Account Balances)**

**Ref 2: 2024\_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model(RGM)\_IRRs\_20231101 Tab 3 and 4**

Sioux Lookout Hydro (SLHI) RGM Tab 3 column BT48 is showing a total debit balance of \$167,396 which indicates a recovery from Ratepayers however, SLHI commented on line 6, page 7 of the manager's summary that it "proposed to refund the amount over a period of 12 months"

Question:

- a) Please can you clarify the comment and update the applicable evidence?

**Response: 1-Staff-2**

- a) *The comment on page 7, line 6 of the Manager's Summary should read" SLHI proposes to **recover** the total amount over a period of 12 months." This was an oversight on SLHI's part.*

**1-Staff-3**

**Ref 1 : 2024\_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model\_20231101 Tab 3**

**Ref 2 : 2023\_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model\_IRRs\_20230323 Tab 3**

The OEB staff notes that the amount transferred to account 1595 in the RGM does not match the amount approved by the OEB during the 2023 IRM proceeding.

Question:

Please can you clarify why the amount did not match?

**Response: 1-Staff-3**

*The amount transferred to account 1595 in the RGM cell BM37 of \$146,434 Does not match the amount approved by the OEB for disposition of Group 1 Accounts of \$143,986 because it includes the amount of the Shared Tax Adjustment of \$2,448 approved on page six of the EB-2022-0057 Decision (143,986 + 2,448 = 146,434).*

**1-Staff-4**

**Ref: 2024\_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model\_IRRs\_20231101 Tab 11 and 18**

OEB staff has made the following generic updates in Sioux Lookout Hydro’s Rate Generator Model and attached them to these interrogatories:

1. Updated Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates (Tab 11)

Table 4.1 Tab 11 UTR and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates	Unit	2022		2023		2024	
Rate Description		Rate		Rate		Rate	
Network Service Rate	kW	\$	4.3473	\$	4.6545	\$	4.9103
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	0.6788	\$	0.6056	\$	0.6537
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	2.3267	\$	2.8924	\$	3.3041
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	3.0055	\$	3.4980	\$	3.9578

Updated the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP) in Tab 18 from 0.0007 to 0.0014  
Table 4.2 Tab 18- RRRP

Effective Date of Regulatory Charges		January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh	0.25	0.25

**Question**

Please confirm the updates in the attached model.

**Response: 1-Staff-4**

*SLHI confirms the updates in the Model.*

*All of which is respectfully submitted.*