



January 15, 2024

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: 2024 IRM Electricity Distribution Rate Application,
Responses to Staff Questions
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.,
Board File no. EB-2023-0026**

Please find attached Halton Hills Hydro Inc.'s ("HHHI") responses to Staff questions in its 2024 Incentive Regulation Mechanism– Price Cap IR ("IRM") Rate Application with the Ontario Energy Board ("the Board").

The responses have been filed through the Ontario Energy Board Web Portal.

In the event of any additional information, questions or concerns, please contact Tracy Rehberg-Rawlingson, Regulatory Affairs Officer, at tracyr@haltonhillshydro.com or (519) 853-3700 extension 257.

Sincerely,

Tracy Rehberg-Rawlingson

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Regulatory Affairs Officer, HHHI

Cc: Scott Knapman, President & CEO, HHHI
Ahmad Niazi, CFO, HHHI

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Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (HHHI) confirms that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff questions and any other supporting documentation, do not include personal information as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Staff Question-1

Ref: IRM Rate Generator Tab 11 RTSR Tab 18 Regulatory Charges, Tab 20 Final Tariff Schedule and Tab 21 Bill Impacts

- a) Please confirm OEB staff has correctly updated the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge correctly on Tabs 18, 19 and 21.
- b) Please confirm OEB staff has correctly updated the Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates on Tab 11.
- c) Please confirm OEB staff has correctly updated the Time of Use Rates on Tabs 18 and 21.
- d) Please confirm OEB staff has correctly updated the Ontario Electricity Rebate Percentage correctly on Tab 21.

Responses:

- a) Confirmed.
- b) Confirmed.
- c) Confirmed.
- d) Confirmed.

Staff Question-2

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

Ref 2: IRM Rate Generator – DVA Tabs Instructions - 2024 Rates

Ref 3: OEB Guidance for Electricity Distributors with Forgone Revenues Due to Postponed Rate Implementation from COVID-19, August 6, 2020, page 5

On July 18, 2023, the OEB issued the DVA Tabs Instructions for the 2024 IRM Rate Generator Model. Pages 1 and 3 noted that Account 1509 - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Subaccount Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation was added to the model. A separate rider is calculated for this account in Tab 7, if the disposition is approved.

Regarding Account 1509, Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency Account, Sub-account Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation, the following steps are noted in the August 6, 2020 guidance:

1. Upon implementation of the forgone revenue rate rider that is calculated from the Forgone Revenue Model, the rate rider transactions will be recorded in the same Forgone Revenues Sub-account. This will draw down the accumulated balance of actual forgone revenues/amounts.
2. Any residual balance after the expiry of the rate riders should be requested for final disposition in a future rate application (cost of service or IRM), once the balance has been audited in accordance with normal deferral and variance account disposition practices.
3. If disposition is approved, the residual balance in the Forgone Revenues Sub-account should be disposed proportionately by customer class and the residual balance will be transferred to Account 1595.

Question(s):

- a) Please update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) and Tab 4 as necessary to reflect a balance in Account 1509 – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Subaccount Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation. Please complete the above-noted steps #1, #2, #3.
- b) If this balance is not applicable, please explain.

Responses:

- a) HHHI has completed the above-noted steps 1 through 3.

- b) At year-end 2021, HHHI determined that it would be more equitable to customers if HHHI chose not to defer incremental COVID-19 expenses in the amount of \$164,000 for future recovery and instead, absorbed all the outstanding amounts of USofA 1509, in totality.