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October 4, 2024

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN Utilities)
Application for 2025 Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File Number: EB-2024-0019**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff interrogatories in the above proceeding. ENWIN Utilities has been copied on this filing.

ENWIN Utilities' responses to interrogatories are due by October 18, 2024.

Responses to interrogatories, including supporting documentation, must not include personal information unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to the Case Manager, Oluwole (Wolly) Bibiresanmi, at 437-880-4352 or oluwole.bibiresanmi@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Oluwole (Wolly) Bibiresanmi
Advisor, Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism

Encl.

**OEB Staff Interrogatories
ENWIN Utilities Ltd.
EB-2024-0019**

Please note, that ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN Utilities) is responsible for ensuring that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff interrogatories 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*.

1-Staff-1

Total Bill Impact

Ref: ENWIN 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 21

On Tab 21 in the Retail Transmission Service Rates Network Cells M104, M160, M216, M272, and M328, OEB staff noticed a total bill impact change greater than 10% above the threshold.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the reason for these variances.
- b) Please explain if mitigation plans are mapped out to be taken if the variances continue to grow further.

1-Staff-2

Interest Adjustments during 2023

Ref: ENWIN 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 3

In the noted reference, ENWIN Utilities adjusted Interest in Account 1595 for the years 2022 and 2023 as shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: 2022 and 2023 Interest Adjustments

Account Descriptions	Account Number	Interest Adjustments ¹ during 2023
Group 1 Accounts		
LV Variance Account	1550	0
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	0
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge ⁵	1580	0
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class A ⁵	1580	0
Variance WMS – Sub-account CBR Class B ⁵	1580	0
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	0
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	0
RSVA - Power ⁴	1588	0
RSVA - Global Adjustment ⁴	1589	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2021) ³	1595	0
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2022) ³	1595	25,592
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2023) ³	1595	1,929
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2024) ³		

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm, and provide reasoning, for the adjustments.

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Account 1508: Other Regulatory Assets balance

Ref: Manager’s Summary, Page 24

In the reference, ENWIN Utilities states that as the customer has now fully ceased operations, no new principal amounts will be added to the account, and the final principal balance has been audited. ENWIN Utilities therefore requests that the Account 1508 Other Regulatory Assets balance be approved for disposition on a final basis in this proceeding and then be closed.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm ENWIN Utilities' planned disposition approach for the remaining Group 2 accounts balances.
- b) Please explain ENWIN Utilities' strategy for eliminating the impact of intergenerational inequity in its distribution since the balances accumulated between 2020 to 2024.

1-Staff-4

Account 1595 for 2022 and 2023

Ref 1: 2024 ENWIN IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 3

Ref 2: 2025 ENWIN IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 3

In Reference 1 and 2, the OEB-approved disposition during 2022 and 2023 appears to be missing from the Rate Generator Model’s Account 1595 for year 2024 as shown in Table 2:

Table 2: 2022 and 2023 OEB-Approved Disposition

Year	OEB-Approved Disposition in 2022 \$	OEB-Approved Disposition in 2023 \$	Remarks
	EB-2022-0027	EB-2023-0017	Total
2022	3,397,131		-
2023		7,192,879	Approval excludes Account 1595

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm if the OEB’s approved disposition was posted to Account 1595. If it was, please indicate where the amount can be located. If it was not posted, please provide reasoning as to why.

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Ref 1: Manager’s Summary, Page 24

On September 13, 2024, the OEB published the 2024 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(s):

- a) Please update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) as necessary to reflect the Q4 2024 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 4.40%.
- b) Please update Table 8 (1508 Large Use Deferral Account Continuity) in Reference 1, using the Q4 2024 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 4.40%.

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Ref 1: Chapter 3 - Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications Filed in 2024 for Rates Taking Effect in 2025, June 18, 2024, Pg. 16

Ref 2: 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model

Chapter 3 of the Filing Requirements in Reference 1 specifies that, when the OEB approves the disposition of Deferral and Variance Account (DVA) balances, the approved principal amounts and carrying charges are to be transferred to Account 1595 for the applicable rate year.

OEB staff observes that the principal and interest amount in Sub-account 1595 (2024) in Reference 2 do not match the total amounts approved by the OEB for disposition.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm OEB staff's observation.
 - i. Please provide an explanation for the discrepancy and revise the schedule as applicable.

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Ref 1: Manager's Summary, Page 24

In Reference 1, ENWIN Utilities requests to dispose of and discontinue Account 1508, Sub-Account Deferred Lost Customer Distribution Revenue, given that the specific large-use customer has now fully ceased operations and no new principal amounts will be added to this account.

OEB staff notes there are no transactions recorded in this account for 2024 activities.

Question(s):

- a) Please clarify when this customer fully ceased operations.

- i. If the customer ceased operations during 2024, please confirm that ENWIN Utilities would not seek the disposition of 2024 transaction costs, given that ENWIN Utilities has requested the discontinuance of this 1508 Sub-Account in this application.