**Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.**

**EB-2024-0014**

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**Staff Question-1**

**Ref: Manager Summary Pg 5 and Pg 7**

**Ref: Rate Generator Model Tab 17**

On Page 5 of the Managers Summary Cooperative Hydro states “CHEI notes that it is not the Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting (“Price Cap IR”) option to adjust its 2024 rates.” Then on Page 7 of the Managers Summary Cooperative Hydro states “CHEI is seeking a Price Cap adjustment in 2024 rates.”

**Question:**

Please confirm Cooperative Hydro is applying for the Price Cap Increase.

**CHEI Response:** CHEI confirms that it is in fact seeking a Price Cap adjustment in 2025 rates.

**Staff Question-2**

**Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule**

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:**

Please update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) as necessary to reflect the Q4 2024 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 4.40%.

**CHEI Response:** The IRM model has been modified to reflect

**Staff Question-3**

**Ref: 2025 IRM Rate Generator, Tab 11, 15 and 20**

On June 27, 2024 the OEB issued a Decision and Rate Order regarding 2024 Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs).[[1]](#footnote-1) Any further updates will be reflected in the final Rate Generator Model.

OEB staff has updated Cooperative Hydro’s Rate Generator Model with the 2024 UTRs for the 2025 year:

**UTRs**

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**Question:**

Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator Model update, as well as the accuracy of the resulting Retail Transmission Service Rates following this update.

**CHEI Response:** CHEI agrees with the updated UTR.

**Staff Question-4**

**Ref: 2025 IRM Rate Generator, Tab 16.1**

The monthly Meter Charge and Monthly Service Charge for February is inconsistent with every other month.

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**Question:**

Please explain why the monthly Meter Charge and Monthly Service Charge for February is inconsistent with every other month or update Rate Generator model.

**CHEI Response:** CHEI acknowledges that the Monthly Service Charge for February differs from other months. However, CHEI confirms that it aligns with the Hydro One invoice and, as a result, is not proposing any adjustments. A screenshot of February's invoice is provided on the next page for reference.

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**Staff Question-5**

**Ref: Manager Summary Page 17**

**Ref: 2025 IRM Rate Generator, Tab 3 and Tab 5**

In the Manager Summary on page 17 Cooperative Hydro states “CHEI is not proposing to dispose of Account 1580 sub-account CBR class B as its balances have not met the threshold.

OEB staff agrees that the balance of ($383) does not meet the threshold to create separate rate riders for each class, but notes that the balance has been rolled up into Account RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge for a total balance to be disposed of ($23,674) on Tab 5.

**Question:**

Please confirm OEB staff’s explanation is correct.

**CHEI Response:** CHEI confirms that the statement is correct.

1. EB-2024-0183, Decision and Rate Order, June 27, 2024 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)