## EXHIBIT 2 – RATE BASE 2025 Cost of Service

Hydro 2000 Inc. EB-2024-0030

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#### 2.1. OVERVIEW OF RATE BASE

H2000's methodology of calculating its Rate Base has not changed from its last two costs of service applications (2012 and 2020) and is in line with the OEB's methodology of determining a Rate Base. The net fixed assets used to determine the utility's Rate Base include those distribution assets associated with activities that enable the conveyance of electricity for distribution purposes. H2000 does not have non-distribution assets, nor does it conduct non-distribution activities. Controllable expenses include operations and maintenance, billing and collecting, and administration costs discussed in detail in Exhibit 4.

H2000 has calculated its' Test Year 2025 Rate Base to be \$1,286,198. This rate base is also used to determine the proposed revenue requirement found in Exhibit 6. The table below presents H2000's Rate Base calculations for the Test Year compared to the 2020 Board Approved.

Table 1 - Change in Rate Base from 2020BA

	Last Dasud		
Dortioulore	Last Board Approved	2025	Var
Particulars	Approved		
Net Capital Assets in Service:	¢4 054 200	¢4 606 40E	¢575 007
Avg Gross Assets	\$1,051,398	\$1,626,485	\$575,087
Avg Acc Depr	\$317,219	\$567,595	\$250,375
Average Balance	\$734,179	\$1,058,890	\$324,712
Working Capital Allowance	\$226,652	\$227,307	\$656
Total Rate Base	\$960,830	\$1,286,198	\$325,368
Expenses for Working Capital	Last Board Approved	2025	Var
Eligible Distribution Expenses:			
3500-Distribution Expenses - Operation	\$10,000	\$24,872	\$14,872
3550-Distribution Expenses - Maintenance	\$31,146	\$44,220	\$13,074
3650-Billing and Collecting	\$155,231	\$262,463	\$107,232
3700-Community Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0
3800-Administrative and General Expenses	\$296,322	\$355,920	\$59,598
6105-Taxes other than Income Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Eligible Distribution Expenses	\$492,699	\$687,474	\$194,775
3350-Power Supply Expenses	\$2,529,321	\$2,343,290	-\$186,032
Total Expenses for Working Capital	\$3,022,020	\$3,030,764	\$8,743
Working Capital factor	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
Total Working Capital	\$226,652	\$227,307	\$656

## 2.1.1 Rate Base Trend and Cost Drivers

The Rate Base trend table presents H2000's Rate Base calculations for all required years, including the Test Year 2025. Year-over-year variance analysis follows.

Table 2 - Rate Base Trend (1)

Particulars	Last Board Approved	2020	2021	2022
Net Capital Assets in Service:				
Avg Gross Assets	\$1,051,398	\$1,012,227	\$1,127,201	\$1,284,192
Avg Acc Depr	\$317,219	\$316,737	\$357,212	\$401,878
Average Balance	\$734,179	\$695,490	\$769,989	\$882,314
Working Capital Allowance	\$226,652	\$273,246	\$246,237	\$225,607
Total Rate Base	\$960,830	\$968,736	\$1,016,225	\$1,107,921
Expenses for Working Capital	Last Board Approved	2020	2021	2022
Eligible Distribution Expenses:				
3500-Distribution Expenses - Operation	\$10,000	\$28,125	\$16,054	\$22,384
3550-Distribution Expenses - Maintenance	\$31,146	\$31,669	\$26,381	\$49,074
3650-Billing and Collecting	\$155,231	\$145,696	\$176,958	\$204,078
3700-Community Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3800-Administrative and General Expenses	\$296,322	\$297,653	\$300,102	\$301,477
6105-Taxes other than Income Taxes	\$0	-\$365	\$0	\$0
Total Eligible Distribution Expenses	\$492,699	\$502,778	\$519,495	\$577,012
3350-Power Supply Expenses	\$2,529,321	\$3,140,496	\$2,763,659	\$2,431,081
Total Expenses for Working Capital	\$3,022,020	\$3,643,274	\$3,283,154	\$3,008,093
Working Capital factor	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
Total Working Capital	\$226,652	\$273,246	\$246,237	\$225,607

Table 3 - Rate Base Trend (2)

Particulars	2023	2024	2025
Net Capital Assets in Service:			
Avg Gross Assets	\$1,412,085	\$1,514,378	\$1,626,485
Avg Acc Depr	\$452,649	\$507,634	\$567,595
Average Balance	\$959,436	\$1,006,744	\$1,058,890
Working Capital Allowance	\$236,994	\$248,643	\$227,307
Total Rate Base	\$1,196,431	\$1,255,387	\$1,286,198
Expenses for Working Capital	2023	2024	2025
Eligible Distribution Expenses:			
3500-Distribution Expenses - Operation	\$17,129	\$18,962	\$24,872
3550-Distribution Expenses - Maintenance	\$39,308	\$42,194	\$44,220
3650-Billing and Collecting	\$237,401	\$246,629	\$262,463
3700-Community Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0
3800-Administrative and General Expenses	\$319,741	\$338,883	\$355,920
6105-Taxes other than Income Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Eligible Distribution Expenses	\$613,578	\$646,669	\$687,474
3350-Power Supply Expenses	\$2,546,346	\$2,668,570	\$2,343,290
Total Expenses for Working Capital	\$3,159,924	\$3,315,239	\$3,030,764
Working Capital factor	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
Total Working Capital	\$236,994	\$248,643	\$227,307

H2000 notes that it uses "in-service", "capital additions" and "capital expenditures" interchangeably as H2000 does not have any Work in Progress capital projects.

The Rate Base for the 2025 Test Year has increased by \$325,368 over the last board approved. H2000 has added \$708,948 in assets since 2020. The reason for the increase from the 2020 Cost of Service is mainly attributed to the following:

Major capital cost drivers: 2020 System Access:	Acct	\$
Service - Overhead	1855	\$32,254
System Renewal:		
<ul> <li>Overhead Conductors and devices</li> <li>Underground Conductors and devices</li> <li>Line Transformers</li> <li>Poles &amp; Fixtures</li> </ul>	1835 1845 1820 1830	\$4,000 \$7,750 \$13,532 \$23,966
<ul> <li>Meters</li> </ul>	1860	\$10,433

Major capital cost drivers: 2021 System Access:	Acct	\$
Service - Overhead	1855	\$615
System Renewal:		
<ul> <li>Overhead Conductors and devices</li> <li>Underground Conductors and devices</li> <li>Line Transformers</li> <li>Poles &amp; Fixtures</li> <li>Meters</li> </ul>	1835 1845 1820 1830 1860	\$3,900 \$79,274 \$22,502
Major capital cost drivers: 2022 System Access:	Acct	\$
Service - Overhead	1855	\$3,982
System Renewal:		
<ul><li>Line Transformers</li><li>Poles &amp; Fixtures</li><li>Meters</li></ul>	1820 1830 1860	\$83,780
Major capital cost drivers: 2023 System Access:	Acct	\$
Service - Overhead	1855	\$5,264
System Renewal:		
<ul> <li>Overhead Conductors and devices</li> <li>Underground Conductors and devices</li> <li>Line Transformers</li> <li>Poles &amp; Fixtures</li> <li>Meters</li> </ul>	1835 1845 1820 1830 1860	\$19,090 \$56,203
Major capital cost drivers: 2024 System Access:	Acct	\$
<ul><li>Service - Overhead</li><li>Meters</li></ul>	1855 1860	\$5,500 \$10,000

System Renewal:

0.0	res	1835 1845 1820 1830 1860	\$10,500 \$4,600 \$36,000 \$55,000 \$12,000
Major capital cost of System Access:	Irivers: 2025	Acct	\$
<ul><li>Service - Ove</li><li>Meters</li></ul>	erhead	1855 1860	\$5,500 \$12,000
System Renewal:			
		1835 1845 1820 1830	\$10,500 \$4,600 \$36,000 \$25,000

#### 2.2. FIXED ASSET

## 2.2.1 Fixed Asset Continuity

This Schedule presents a continuity schedule of its investment in capital assets, the associated accumulated amortization, and the net book value for each Capital USoA account for the 2020 to 2023 Actuals and 2024 Bridge and 2025 Test Years.

H2000 attests that the OEB Appendices 2-BA continuity statements presented in Chapter 2 Appendices 2-AB and at Appendix 2C reconcile with the calculated depreciation expenses at section 2.2.3 and presented by asset account. The utility also attests that the net book value balances reported on Appendix 2-BA and balances reconcile with the rate base calculation. The Excel version of the OEB Appendices is filed in conjunction with this application.

Information on year-over-year variance and explanations where variances exceed the materiality threshold is summarized in the previous section 2.1.3 and explained in detail in H2000's 2025 Distribution System Plan.

H2000 does not have any asset retirement obligations (AROs) or any associated depreciation or accretion expenses related to an asset retirement obligation.

All years are equivalent to in-service additions.

All projects are completed by year end and no WIP is recorded. There are anticipated additional expenses in 2024, and accordingly, the deferred revenue will be adjusted based on the final figures from the economic model study.

#### **Accumulated Depreciation**

H2000 has adopted depreciation rates based on the Kinectrics Asset Depreciation Study, which can be found at the following secure link:

https://www.oeb.ca/oeb/\_Documents/EB-2010-0178/Kinetrics-418033-OEB%20Asset%20Amortization-%20Final%20Rep.pdf

The depreciation rates, H2000's capitalization policy, methodology, and depreciation expenses continuity schedules are presented in section 2.2.3.

Below are the Fixed Asset Continuity Schedules for 2020 to 2025.

## Table 4 – 2020 Continuity schedule

			Cost			Accumulated Depreciation					
CCA	OEB Accou	Description <sup>5</sup>	Opening Balance 8	Additions 4	Disposals 6	Closing Balance	Opening Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 6	Closing Balance	Net Book Value
$\overline{}$		Capital Contributions Paid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$67,503	\$2,635		\$70,138	\$63,590	\$1,936	\$0	\$65,526	\$4,612
CEC		Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
N/A	1805		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Buildings	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$2,177	\$0		\$2,177	\$2,177	\$0	\$0	\$2,177	\$0
47	1815	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1825	Storage Battery Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$391,533	\$26,347	-\$2,381	\$415,498	\$69,314	\$13,690	-\$937	\$82,067	\$333,431
47	1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$159,242	\$4,000	\$0	\$163,242	\$27,081	\$3,041	\$0	\$30,122	\$133,120
47	1840	Underground Conduit	\$9,818	\$0	\$0	\$9,818	\$1,633	\$277	\$0	\$1,910	\$7,908
47		Underground Conductors & Devices	\$60,704	\$7,750	\$0	\$68,454	\$20,398	\$2,046	\$0	\$22,444	\$46,010
47		Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$213,906	\$13,532	\$0	\$227,439	\$28,382	\$7,209	\$0	\$35,591	\$191,847
47	1855	Services -Overhead	\$62,418	\$32,254	\$0	\$94,671	\$14,702	\$3,671	\$0	\$18,373	\$76,298
47	1855	Services - Underground	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1860	Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0		\$4,888	\$1,295	\$216	\$0	\$1,511	\$3,377
47		Meters (Smart Meters)	\$152,073	\$12,024		\$162,507	\$67,220	\$13,317	-\$1,043	\$79,494	\$83,012
N/A	1905		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Buildings & Fixtures	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	1910	Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$15,456 \$0	\$0 \$0		\$15,456	\$11,514 \$0	\$1,914	\$0 \$0	\$13,428	\$2,028
10	1913	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
45	1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0	\$0		\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
45.1	1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$17,640	\$0		\$17,640	\$15,967	\$1,626	\$0	\$17,593	\$47
10	1930		\$17,640	\$0		\$17,640	\$15,967	\$1,626	\$0	\$17,593	
10	1930	Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8	1935	Stores Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	1940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	1945	Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8	1950	Power Operated Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	1955	Communications Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8		Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1980	System Supervisor Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1985	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1990	Other Tangible Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1995	Contributions & Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$192,020	-\$789		-\$192,808	-\$26,908	-\$6,215	\$0	-\$33,123	-\$159,685
	2005	Property Under Finance Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2055		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Sub-Total	\$965,337	\$97,753	-\$3,972	\$1,059,118	\$296,363	\$42,728	-\$1,980	\$337,111	\$722,007
		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as negative)				S0				\$0	\$0
		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)								\$0	\$0
		Total PP&E	\$965,337	\$97,753	-\$3,972	\$1,059,118	\$296,363	\$42,728	-\$1,980	\$337,111	\$722,007
		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset	s (pool of lik	e assets), if a	applicable <sup>6</sup>				RRR	-\$370,235	
		Total						\$42,728	1000	-\$33,124	
										\$33,123	* 2440 Amort.

# Table 5 – 2021 Continuity schedule

				Co	ost			Accumulate	d Depreciation	n	
CCA	OEB										
Class	Accou		Opening			Closing	Opening			Closing	Net Book
2		Description <sup>3</sup>	Balance 8	Additions 4		Balance	Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 8	Balance	Value
0		Capital Contributions Paid	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
12		Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$70,138	\$31,548		\$101,686	\$65,526	\$2,448		\$67,974	
CEC		Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
N/A	1805		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Buildings	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$2,177	\$0		\$2,177	\$2,177	\$0	\$0	\$2,177	
47		Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Storage Battery Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$415,498	\$25,964		\$438,000	\$82,067	\$14,101	-\$26	\$96,142	
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$163,242	\$0		\$163,242	\$30,122	\$3,133	\$0	\$33,255	
47		Underground Conduit	\$9,818	\$0		\$9,818	\$1,910	\$277	\$0	\$2,187	
47		Underground Conductors & Devices	\$68,454	\$3,900		\$72,354	\$22,444	\$2,369	\$0	\$24,813	
47		Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$227,439	\$79,274		\$306,713	\$35,591	\$7,539	\$0	\$43,130	
47		Services -Overhead	\$94,671	\$615		\$95,286	\$18,373	\$3,839	\$0	\$22,212	
47		Services - Underground	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0		\$4,888	\$1,511	\$216	\$0	\$1,727	
47		Meters (Smart Meters)	\$162,507	\$2,129		\$160,624	\$79,494	\$13,382	-\$2,003	\$90,873	
N/A	1905		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Buildings & Fixtures	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	SI
8	1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$15,456	\$210		\$15,666	\$13,428	\$1,116	\$0	\$14,544	
8	1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
10		Computer Equipment - Hardware	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
45		Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
45.1		Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$17,640	\$0		\$17,640	\$17,593	\$47	\$0	\$17,640	
10		Transportation Equipment - under 3 Tons	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
10		Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Stores Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Power Operated Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Communications Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
8		Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
8		Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		System Supervisor Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47		Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47	1990	Other Tangible Property	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
47		Contributions & Grants	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	
0		Deferred Revenue	-\$192,808	\$0		-\$192,808	-\$33,123	-\$6,236	\$0	-\$39,359	
0		Property Under Finance Lease	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
0	2055		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
		Sub-Total	\$1,059,118	\$143,640	-\$7,474	\$1,195,284	\$337,111	\$42,231	-\$2,029	\$377,313	\$817,971
		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as									
		negative)				\$0				\$0	
		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)				\$0				\$0	
		Total PP&E	\$1,059,118			\$1,195,284	\$337,111	\$42,231	-\$2,029	\$377,313	
		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset	s (pool of lik	e assets), if a	applicable <sup>6</sup>				RRR	-\$416,672	_
		Total						\$42,231		-\$39,359	
										\$39,359	* 2440 Amor

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## Table 6 – 2022 Continuity schedule

CCA Class 2 0 12 CEC	OEB Accou										
0 12				l		224200000000000000000000000000000000000	man or other con-				
12	nt 3		Opening			Closing	Opening			Closing	Net Book
12		Description <sup>3</sup>	Balance 8			Balance	Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 8	Balance	Value
		Capital Contributions Paid	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
CEC		Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$101,686	\$0		\$101,686	\$67,974	\$8,248		\$76,222	\$25,464
		Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
N/A	1805		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		Buildings	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$2,177	\$2,872		\$5,049	\$2,177	\$400		\$2,577	\$2,472
47		Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1825	Storage Battery Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$438,000	\$83,780	\$0	\$521,780	\$96,142	\$14,645	\$0	\$110,788	\$410,993
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$163,242	\$0	\$0	\$163,242	\$33,255	\$3,133	\$0	\$36,388	\$126,854
47	1840	Underground Conduit	\$9,818	\$0	\$0	\$9,818	\$2,187	\$277	\$0	\$2,464	\$7,354
47	1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$72,354	\$0	\$0	\$72,354	\$24,813	\$2,434	\$0	\$27,247	\$45,107
47	1850	Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$306,713	\$95,124	\$0	\$401,836	\$43,130	\$10,710	\$0	\$53,840	\$347,997
47	1855	Services -Overhead	\$95,286	\$3,982	\$0	\$99,268	\$22,212	\$3,868	\$0	\$26,080	\$73,189
47	1855	Services - Underground	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1860	Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors			S0	S0	S0	\$0	S0	S0	S0
47		Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0		\$4,888	\$1,727	\$216		\$1,943	\$2,945
47		Meters (Smart Meters)	\$160,624	\$0		\$157,956	\$90,873	\$13,144	-\$2,168	\$101,849	\$56,107
N/A		Land	\$0	\$0		S0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Buildings & Fixtures	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$15,666	\$350		\$16,016	\$14,544	\$280	\$0	\$14,824	\$1,192
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (19 years)	\$15,000	\$0		\$10,010	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
	1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
45	1920	Computer EquipHardware (Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
45.1		Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$17,640	\$1,505	\$0	\$19,145	\$17.640	\$179		\$17.819	\$1,326
		Transportation Equipment - under 3 Tons	\$17,640	\$1,505	\$0	\$19,145	\$17,640	\$0	\$0	\$17,019	\$1,326
	1030	Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8	1035	Stores Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8			\$0	\$0 \$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0 \$0	
8		Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$0				
	1945	Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0
8	1950	Power Operated Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		Communications Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8		Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		System Supervisor Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		Other Tangible Property	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Contributions & Grants	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
		Deferred Revenue	-\$192,808	-\$7,130	\$0	-\$199,938	-\$39,359	-\$6,236	\$0	-\$45,595	-\$154,344
		Property Under Finance Lease	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	2055		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		Sub-Total	\$1,195,284	\$180,483	-\$2,667	\$1,373,100	\$377,313	\$51,299	-\$2,168	\$426,444	\$946,656
		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as									2707-08
		negative)		\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$0
		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)		\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$0
		Total PP&E	\$1,195,284	\$180,483		\$1,373,100	\$377,313	\$51,299	-\$2,168	\$426,444	\$946,656
		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset	s (pool of like	e assets), if a	applicable <sup>8</sup>				RRR	-\$472,039	
		Total						\$51,299		-\$45,595	
									-	\$45,595	* 2440 Amort.

## Table 7 – 2023 Continuity schedule

Exhibit 2 - Rate Base and DSP

				Year	2023						
				C	ost			Accumulate	d Depreciation	n	
CCA Class	OEB Accou	Description <sup>3</sup>	Opening Balance 8	Additions 4	Disposals 6	Closing Balance	Opening Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 6	Closing Balance	Net Book Value
0	1609	Capital Contributions Paid	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	Diopodulo	\$0	\$0
12	1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$101,686	\$0		\$101,686	\$76,222	\$8,248		\$84,470	\$17,216
CEC	1612	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
N/A	1805	Land	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1808	Buildings	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
13	1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$5,049	\$0	\$0	\$5,049	\$2,577	\$574		\$3,151	\$1,898
47	1815		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47	1825	Storage Battery Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$521,780	\$56,203		\$577,983	\$110,788	\$16,341		\$127,129	\$450,854
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$163,242	\$0		\$163,242	\$36,388	\$3,133		\$39,520	\$123,721
47		Underground Conduit	\$9,818	\$0		\$9,818	\$2,464	\$277		\$2,740	\$7,077
47		Underground Conductors & Devices	\$72,354	\$4,496		\$76,850	\$27,247	\$2,496		\$29,743	\$47,107
47	1850	Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$401,836	\$19,090		\$420,926	\$53,840	\$11,441		\$65,281	\$355,645
47	1855	Services -Overhead	\$99,268	\$5,264	\$0	\$104,532	\$26,080	\$4,010		\$30,090	\$74,442
47	1855	Services - Underground	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47		Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1860 1860	Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0		\$4,888	\$1,943	\$216	24 222	\$2,159	
N/A		Meters (Smart Meters)	\$157,956	\$4,662		\$161,283	\$101,849	\$12,972	-\$1,296	\$113,525	\$47,758
47	1905 1908		\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		\$0 \$0	\$0
13	1910	Buildings & Fixtures Leasehold Improvements				\$0	\$0			\$0	
8	1915		\$0 \$16,016			\$0 \$16,846	\$14,824	\$0 \$317		\$15,141	\$0 \$1,705
8	1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years) Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)	\$10,016	\$030		\$16,646	\$14,024	\$317		\$15,141	\$1,705
10	1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
45	1920	Computer EquipHardware (Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
45.1	1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$19,145			\$19,145	\$17,819	\$301		\$18,120	\$1,025
10	1930	Transportation Equipment - under 3 Tons	\$19,143			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$10,120	
10	1930	Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
8	1935	Stores Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
8	1940		\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
8	1945	Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8	1950	Power Operated Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
8	1955	Communications Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO
8	1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
8	1960	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47	1970	Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47	1975	Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1980	System Supervisor Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47	1985	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
47	1990	Other Tangible Property	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	
47	1995	Contributions & Grants	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
0	2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$199,938	-\$11,237	\$0	-\$211,176	-\$45,595	-\$6,620	\$0	-\$52,215	
0	2005	Property Under Finance Lease	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	2055	WIP	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
		Sub-Total	\$1,373,100	\$79,307	-\$1,336	\$1,451,070 \$0	\$426,444	\$53,707	-\$1,296	\$478,854	\$972,216
		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as negative)				\$0		\$0		\$0	\$0
		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)				\$0					\$0
		Total PP&E	\$1,373,100	\$79,307	-\$1,336	\$1,451,070 \$0	\$426,444	\$53,707	-\$1,296	\$478,854	
		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset	s (pool of lik	e assets). if					RRR	-\$531,069	
-		Total						\$53,707		-\$52,215	

## Table 8 – 2024 Continuity schedule

			Cost Accumulated Depreciation								
CCA	OEB					22					and the second
Class	Accou	and the same of th	Opening	130000000000000000000000000000000000000	and the same	Closing	Opening	327745520		Closing	Net Book
2		Description <sup>3</sup>	Balance 8		Disposals 8	Balance	Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 6	Balance	Value
0		Capital Contributions Paid	\$0	\$0		\$0	SC			\$0	\$0
12		Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$101,686	\$5,060		\$106,746	\$84,470			\$93,224	\$13,522
CEC		Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
N/A	1805		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
47		Buildings	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$5,049	\$500		\$5,549	\$3,151		\$0	\$3,775	\$1,774
47		Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	SC			\$0	\$0
47		Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO		\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Storage Battery Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$577,983	\$55,000	\$0	\$632,983	\$127,129	\$17,577	\$0	\$144,706	\$488,277
47	1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
47	1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$163,242	\$10,500	\$0	\$173,742	\$39,520	\$3,221	\$0	\$42,741	\$131,001
47	1840	Underground Conduit	\$9,818	\$4,600	\$0	\$14,418	\$2,740	\$323	\$0	\$3,063	\$11,354
47	1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$76,850	\$0	\$0	\$76,850	\$29,743	\$2,571	\$0	\$32,314	\$44,536
47	1850	Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$420,926	\$36,000	\$0	\$456,926	\$65,281	\$12,130	\$0	\$77,410	\$379,516
47		Services -Overhead	\$104,532	\$5,500		\$110,032	\$30,090			\$34,279	
47		Services - Underground	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO		\$0	\$0	\$0
47		Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0	\$12,000	S0	\$12,000	SO		\$0	\$240	\$11,760
47		Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0		\$4,888	\$2,159			\$2,775	\$2,113
47		Meters (Smart Meters)	\$161,283	\$10,000		\$171,283	\$113,525		\$0	\$126,986	\$44,297
N/A		Land	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	
47		Buildings & Fixtures	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	\$0
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$16,846	\$500		\$17,346	\$15,141		\$0	\$15,525	\$1,821
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$10,040	\$300		\$17,340	\$15,141		\$0	\$13,323	
10		Computer Equipment - Hardware	\$0	30	\$0	\$0	SC			\$0	\$0
45		Computer Equipment - Hardware  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO		\$0	\$0	\$0
45.1		Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$19,145	\$2,500		\$21,645	\$18,120		\$0	\$18,671	\$2,974
10			\$19,145	\$2,500			\$10,120				
10	1930	Transportation Equipment - under 3 Tons	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0 \$0	
8		Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over				\$0 \$0					
8		Stores Equipment	\$0	\$0			\$0			\$0	\$0
		Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	
8		Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	
8		Power Operated Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	
8		Communications Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0			\$0	
8		Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
8		Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	
47	1970	Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
47		Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	
47		System Supervisor Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0	SC			\$0	
47		Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	SO			\$0	
47		Other Tangible Property	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	
47		Contributions & Grants	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
0		Deferred Revenue	-\$211,176	-\$15,545		-\$226,721	-\$52,215		\$0	-\$59,294	-\$167,427
0		Property Under Finance Lease	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
0	2055	WIP	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Sub-Total	\$1,451,070	\$126,615	\$0	\$1,577,685	\$478,854	\$57,560	\$0	\$536,414	\$1,041,271
		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as negative)				\$0				\$0	\$0
		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)				\$0				\$0	\$0
		Total PP&E	\$1,451,070	\$126,615	\$0	\$1,577,685	\$478,854	\$57,560	\$0		\$1,041,271
-		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset					V5,00	\$5.,500	301	4000,714	3.,5.,211
$\overline{}$		Total	o (pool of like	c assets <sub>j</sub> , ii c	pplicable			\$57.560	-		•

## Table 9 – 2025 Continuity schedule

				Co	ost			Accumulate	umulated Depreciation				
CCA	OEB												
Class	Accou		Opening			Closing	Opening			Closing	Net Book		
2	nt 3	Description <sup>8</sup>	Balance 8	Additions 4	Disposals 6	Balance	Balance 8	Additions	Disposals 6	Balance	Value		
0		Capital Contributions Paid	\$0		\$0	S0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
12		Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$106,746		\$0	\$112,246	\$93,224	\$9,810		\$103,034	\$9,212		
CEC		Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906 and 1806)	S0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		S0	\$0		
N/A		Land	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
47		Buildings	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$5,549		\$0	\$6.049	\$3,775	\$724	\$0	\$4,499	\$1,550		
47		Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$0,545		\$0	\$0,043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
47		Storage Battery Equipment	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	\$632.983	\$25.000	\$0	\$657,983	\$144,706	\$18,466	\$0	\$163,172	\$494.811		
47													
47		Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Steel	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
		Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$173,742		\$0	\$184,242	\$42,741	\$3,396	\$0	\$46,136	\$138,105		
47		Underground Conduit	\$14,418		\$0	\$19,018	\$3,063	\$415	\$0	\$3,478	\$15,539		
47		Underground Conductors & Devices	\$76,850		\$0	\$76,850	\$32,314	\$2,571	\$0	\$34,885	\$41,965		
47		Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$456,926		\$0	\$492,926	\$77,410	\$13,030	\$0	\$90,440	\$402,486		
47		Services -Overhead	\$110,032		\$0	\$115,532	\$34,279	\$4,373	\$0	\$38,652	\$76,880		
47	1855	Services - Underground	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47	1860	Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$12,000			\$12,000	\$240	\$480	\$0	\$720	\$11,280		
47	1860	Meters - Wholesale	\$4,888	\$0	\$0	\$4,888	\$2,775	\$616	\$0	\$3,391	\$1,497		
47	1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$171,283	\$12,000	\$0	\$183,283	\$126,986	\$14,194	\$0	\$141,180	\$42,103		
N/A	1905	Land	\$0	S0	\$0	\$0	SO.	S0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47	1908	Buildings & Fixtures	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
13		Leasehold Improvements	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$17,346		\$0	\$17,846	\$15,525	\$434	\$0	\$15,958	\$1,888		
8		Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
10		Computer Equipment - Hardware	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
45	1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
45.1		Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$21.645		\$0	\$24,145	\$18,671	\$1.051	\$0	\$19,722	\$4,423		
10			\$21,645		\$0	\$24,145	\$10,071	\$1,031		\$19,722	\$4,423		
10		Transportation Equipment - under 3 Tons											
8		Transportation Equipment - 3 Tons & Over	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	1935	Stores Equipment	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
8	1940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
8		Measurement & Testing Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
8		Power Operated Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
8		Communications Equipment	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
8	1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
8		Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Load Management Controls Customer Premises	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Load Management Controls Utility Premises	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		
47	1980	System Supervisor Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Miscellaneous Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	S0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Other Tangible Property	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
47		Contributions & Grants	\$0		\$0	S0	\$0	\$0		S0	\$0		
0		Deferred Revenue	-\$226,721	-\$5,000	\$0	-\$231,721	-\$59,294	-\$7,197	\$0	-\$66,491	-\$165,230		
0		Property Under Finance Lease	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
0		WIP	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
		Sub-Total	\$1,577,685		\$0	\$1,675,285	\$536,414	\$62,361	\$0	\$598,775	\$1,076,510		
$\overline{}$		Less Socialized Renewable Energy Generation Investments (input as	\$1,577,005	331,000	30	\$1,010,E00	\$550,414	302,301	30	4000,110	21,010,010		
		negative)		SO.		\$0				\$0	\$0		
$\overline{}$		Less Other Non Rate-Regulated Utility Assets (input as negative)		\$0		\$0				\$0	\$0		
-		Total PP&E	\$1,577,685		\$0	\$1,675,285	\$536,414	\$62,361	\$0	\$598,775			
$\overline{}$						\$1,010,200	\$550,414	302,301	30	\$550,175	\$1,070,010		
$\overline{}$		Depreciation Expense adj. from gain or loss on the retirement of asset	s (pool of lik	e assets), if a	pplicable			\$62,361	-				
ı		Total						367.361	1				

## 2.2.2 Depreciation Expenses

In accordance with the July 17, 2012, letter from the Board on Regulatory accounting policy direction regarding changes to depreciation expense and capitalization policies and as such, H2000 has adopted the Kinetrics proposed useful lives and componentization on January 1, 2015.

Continuity Statements of the historical and forecasted depreciation expenses are presented on the next page and are filed in Excel format along with this application.

H2000 confirms that it has applied the half-year rule to compute the net book value of Property, Plant and Equipment, and General Plant in the rate base. Under the half-year rule, acquisitions and investments made during the year are amortized, assuming they entered service at the year's mid-point.

H2000's Depreciation rates and Capitalization Policy are presented below.

#### **Depreciation Policy for Fixed Assets**

#### **Purpose**

This policy outlines the guidelines for the depreciation of fixed assets owned by the company. Depreciation is the systematic allocation of the cost of an asset over its useful life. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all assets are depreciated in accordance with their useful life and that financial statements reflect the accurate value of assets.

#### Scope

This policy applies to all fixed assets, including computer software, poles, towers, fixtures, conductors, devices, meters, office furniture, equipment, and more, as described below.

#### **Depreciation Method**

All assets are depreciated using the straight-line method, where an equal amount of depreciation is charged each year over the useful life of the asset. The useful life is determined based on historical experience, industry standards, and the nature of the asset.

#### **Depreciation Start Date**

Depreciation begins when the asset is available for use, which is the date it is put into service. If an asset is acquired during the fiscal year, the depreciation is prorated for the remaining months of the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MFR – Identification of historical depreciation practice and proposal for test year. Variances from half- year rule.

#### **Residual Value**

In most cases, assets are depreciated assuming no residual value. However, if an asset is expected to have a significant residual value at the end of its useful life, this will be estimated and deducted from the depreciable base.

#### **Asset Categories and Useful Life**

The following table outlines the various categories of assets and their respective useful lives:

Table 10 - Depreciation Rates (2-BB)

Asset Details	ι	Jseful Lif	e		USoA Account Number	USoA Account Description	Proposed		Outside Range of Min, Max TUL?		
Category  Component   Type		MIN UL	TUL	MAX UL			Years	Rate	Below Min	Above Max	
outagety  compensation   type							MATAL.		TUL	TUL	
Fully Dressed Wood Poles	Overall	35	45	75	1830	Poles, Towers and Fixtures	40	3%	No	No	Proposed should be 45 years
OH Conductors		50	60	75	1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	60	2%	No	No	Ok
OH Transformers & Voltage Regulators		30	40	60	1850	Line Transformers	40	3%	No	No	Ok
Power Transformers	Overall	30	45	60	1850	Line Transformers	40	3%	No	No	Ok
Primary TR XLPE Cables Direct Buried		25	30	35	1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	40	3%	No	Yes	Proposed should be 30 years
Secondary Cables Direct Buried		25	35	40	1855	Services	60	2%	No	Yes	Proposed should be 30 years
Secondary Cables in Duct		35	40	60	1855	Services	60	2%	No	No	Not used
Pad-Mounted Transformers		25	40	45	1850	Line Transformers	40	3%	No	No	Ok
											1
					USoA				Outside		
Asset Details	Heet	full ifo De			Account	USoA Account Description	Deserved		Range of		
Asset Details	USE	ful Life Ra	ange		Number	USOA ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	Proposed		Min, Max		
					Number				TUL?		
David and the second		1					1-00	F-0.0	Below Min	Above Max	
Category  Component   Type							Years	Rate	Range	Range	
Office Equipment		5	15		1915	Office Furniture & Equipment	10	10%	No	No	Ok
Computer Equipment	Hardware	3	5		1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware	5	20%	No	No	Ok
The state of the s	Software	2	5		1925	Computer Equipment - Software	5	20%	No	No	Ok
Residential Energy Meters		25	35		1860	Meters	15	7%	Yes	No	Ok
Repeaters - Smart Metering		10	15		1915	Office Furniture & Equipment	5	20%	Yes	No	Proposed should be 10 years

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Table 11 - Depreciation Expenses 2020 (App 2-C)

Exhibit 2 - Rate Base and DSP

			Book	Values			Service	Lives	Expense	]		
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets	Less Fully Depreciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	As	Amount of sets to be preciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance 4
		a	b	С	d	e = a	1-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
1609	Capital Contributions Paid					\$			0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 67,503	\$ 59,140	\$ 2,635		\$	9,680	5	20.00%	\$ 1,936	\$ 1,936	-\$ 0
1612	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	2		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1808	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	_		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,177	\$ -		\$	_	5	20.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1815	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	_		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Storage Battery Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Poles, Towers & Fixtures		-\$ 211,361	\$ 26,347		\$	616,067	45	2.22%		\$ 13,690	
	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 159,242	-\$ 21,218	\$ 4,000		\$	182,460	60	1.67%			
	Underground Conduit	\$ 9,818		\$ -		\$	13,851	50	2.00%			
	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 60,704	\$ 3,199	\$ 7,750		\$	61,380	30	3.33%			
1850	Line Transformers			\$ 13,532		\$	288,342	40	2.50%			
	Services (Overhead & Underground)		-\$ 31,586	\$ 32,254		\$	110,131	30	3.33%	\$ 3,671		
	Meters	\$ 4,888				\$	5,400	25	4.00%			
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 152,073	-\$ 41,670	\$ 12,024		\$	199,755	15	6.67%	\$ 13,317	\$ 13,317	-\$ 0
1905	Land		\$ -			\$	2		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1908	Buildings & Fixtures		\$ -			\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Leasehold Improvements		\$ -			\$	_		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 15,456	-\$ 3,684			\$	19,140	10	10.00%		\$ 1,914	\$ 0
	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)		\$			\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Equipment - Hardware		\$ -			\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)		\$ -			\$	_		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 17,640	\$ 9,510			\$	8,130	5	20.00%	\$ 1,626	\$ 1,626	\$ 0
	Transportation Equipment					\$	_		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Stores Equipment					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$			0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Measurement & Testing Equipment					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Power Operated Equipment					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment					\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)					\$	12		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Equipment					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Customer Premises					\$	-		0.00%	-	\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Utility Premises					\$	-		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	System Supervisor Equipment					\$	-		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets					\$	1		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Other Tangible Property					\$	-		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Contributions & Grants					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 192,020	\$ 5,844	-\$ 789		-\$	198,258	32	3.13%		-	-\$ 0
2005	Property Under Finance Lease					\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 965,337	-\$ 301,864	\$ 97,753		\$	1,316,077	\$ 352		\$ 42,728	\$ 42,728	-\$ 0

## Table 12 - Depreciation Expenses 2021 (App 2-C)

Year

2021

			Book	Values		Service	Lives	Expense	1		
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets	Less Fully Depreciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	Net Amount of Assets to be Depreciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance 4
		a	b	С	d	e = a-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
	Capital Contributions Paid					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 70,138	\$ 73,672	\$ 31,548		\$ 12,240	5	20.00%			
	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)	\$ -				\$ -		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land	\$ -				\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings	\$ -				\$ -		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,177			\$ -	5	20.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Storage Battery Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	\$ 415,498				\$ 634,556	45	2.22%		\$ 14,101	\$ 0
	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 163,242				\$ 187,980	60	1.67%			
	Underground Conduit	\$ 9,818				\$ 13,851	50	2.00%			-\$ 0
	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 68,454				\$ 71,070	30	3.33%			
1850	Line Transformers		-\$ 34,473	\$ 79,274		\$ 301,549	40	2.50%			
	Services (Overhead & Underground)	\$ 94,671		\$ 615		\$ 115,163	30	3.33%			
	Meters	\$ 4,888				\$ 5,400	25	4.00%			-
	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 162,507	-\$ 37,159	\$ 2,129		\$ 200,730	15	6.67%		\$ 13,382	
1905	Land					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings & Fixtures		,			\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1910	Leasehold Improvements					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 15,456	\$ 4,401	\$ 210		\$ 11,160	10	10.00%			
	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Equipment - Hardware					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 17,640	\$ 17,405			\$ 235	5	20.00%			
	Transportation Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Stores Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Measurement & Testing Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Power Operated Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Communications Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)					\$ -		0.00%	•	\$ -	\$ -
1960	Miscellaneous Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Customer Premises					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Utility Premises					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	System Supervisor Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Other Tangible Property					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Contributions & Grants	0 400.000	0.410			\$ -		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 192,808	\$ 6,112			-\$ 198,920	32	3.13%			
	Property Under Finance Lease					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 1,059,118	-\$ 224,074	\$ 143,640		\$ 1,355,012	\$ 352		\$ 42,231	\$ 42,231	-\$ 0

Table 13 – Depreciation Expenses 2022 (App 2-C)

				Book	Values			Service	Lives	Expense			
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets		s Fully eciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	As	Amount of sets to be preciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance 4
		a		b	С	d	e = a	a-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
	Capital Contributions Paid						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 101,686	\$	60,446			\$	41,240	5	20.00%			\$ 0
1612	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 2,177	\$	1,613	\$ 2,872		\$	2,000	5	20.00%			\$ -
	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV						\$	-		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Storage Battery Equipment						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	\$ 438,000		179,156	\$ 83,780		\$	659,046	45	2.22%		\$ 14,645	
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 163,242		24,738			\$	187,980	60	1.67%			
1840	Underground Conduit	\$ 9,818		4,033			\$	13,851	50	2.00%			-\$ 0
	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 72,354		666			\$	73,020	30	3.33%			
1850	Line Transformers	\$ 306,713	_	74,125	\$ 95,124		\$	428,400	40	2.50%		\$ 10,710	
	Services (Overhead & Underground)	\$ 95,286	-\$	18,763	\$ 3,982		\$	116,040	30	3.33%	\$ 3,868	-1	-\$ 0
1860	Meters		-\$	512			\$	5,400	25	4.00%			\$ 0
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 160,624	-\$	36,536			\$	197,160	15	6.67%		\$ 13,144	\$ 0
1905	Land						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Buildings & Fixtures						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1910	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 15,666	•	40.044	\$ 350		\$	2.800	10	0.00%	\$ - \$ 280	\$ - \$ 280	\$ - \$ 0
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 15,666	Ф	13,041	\$ 350		\$	2,800	10	10.00%			-
1915 1920	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)  Computer Equipment - Hardware						\$	-		0.00%		\$ - \$ -	+ i -
	Computer Equipment - Hardware  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)						\$	-		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 17.640	\$	17,497	\$ 1,505		\$	895	5	20.00%	•		-\$ 0
	Transportation Equipment	\$ 17,040	Ф	17,497	\$ 1,505		\$	- 695	5	0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Stores Equipment						\$			0.00%	•	\$ -	\$ -
	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Measurement & Testing Equipment						\$			0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Power Operated Equipment						S			0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment						\$			0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment (Smart Meters)						\$			0.00%	•	\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Equipment						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1970	Load Management Controls Customer Premises						S	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Utility Premises						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1980	System Supervisor Equipment						S	-		0.00%	-	\$ -	\$ -
1985	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Other Tangible Property						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Contributions & Grants						\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 192,808	\$	2,547	-\$ 7,130		-\$	198,920	32	3.13%			\$ -
2005	Property Under Finance Lease	102,300	-	2,047	1,100		\$	-		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
2000	Total	\$ 1,195,284	•	243,385	\$ 180,483		\$	1,528,911		0.00%		\$ 51,299	

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## Table 14 – Depreciation Expenses 2023 (App 2-C)

			Book	Values		Service	Lives	Expense	]		
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets	Less Fully Depreciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	Net Amount of Assets to be Depreciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance 4
		a	b	С	d	e = a-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
	Capital Contributions Paid					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 101,686	\$ 60,446			\$ 41,240	5	20.00%	\$ 8,248	\$ 8,248	-\$ 0
	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1808	Buildings					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 5,049	\$ 2,179			\$ 2,870	5	20.00%	\$ 574	\$ 574	-\$ 0
1815	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Storage Battery Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	\$ 521,780	-\$ 185,485	\$ 56,203		\$ 735,367	45	2.22%	\$ 16,341	\$ 16,341	-\$ 0
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 163,242	-\$ 24,736			\$ 187,978	60	1.67%	\$ 3,133	\$ 3,133	\$ 0
1840	Underground Conduit	\$ 9,818	-\$ 4,031			\$ 13,849	50	2.00%	\$ 277	\$ 277	-\$ 0
1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 72,354	-\$ 277	\$ 4,496		\$ 74,879	30	3.33%	\$ 2,496	\$ 2,496	-\$ 0
1850	Line Transformers	\$ 401,836	-\$ 46,259	\$ 19,090		\$ 457,640	40	2.50%	\$ 11,441	\$ 11,441	-\$ 0
1855	Services (Overhead & Underground)	\$ 99,268	-\$ 18,399	\$ 5,264		\$ 120,299	30	3.33%	\$ 4,010	\$ 4,010	-\$ O
	Meters	\$ 4,888	-\$ 512			\$ 5,400	25	4.00%			
	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 157,956	-\$ 34,293	\$ 4,662		\$ 194,580	15	6.67%	\$ 12,972	\$ 12,972	-\$ O
1905	Land					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1908	Buildings & Fixtures					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Leasehold Improvements					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 16,016	\$ 13,261	\$ 830		\$ 3,170	10	10.00%		\$ 317	\$ 0
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Computer Equipment - Hardware					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)					\$ -		0.00%	-	\$ -	\$ -
	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 19,145	\$ 17,640			\$ 1,505	5	20.00%	\$ 301		\$ 0
1930	Transportation Equipment	,	•,			\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1935	Stores Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Measurement & Testing Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1950	Power Operated Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	-	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Customer Premises					\$ -		0.00%		S -	\$ -
	Load Management Controls Utility Premises					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	S -	\$ -
1980	System Supervisor Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Other Tangible Property					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1995	Contributions & Grants					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 199,938	\$ 5,612	-\$ 11,237		-\$ 211,169	32	3.13%	*	-	-
	Property Under Finance Lease	V 133,330	0,012	11,237		\$ -	32	0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
2005	Total	\$ 1,373,100	\$ 244 OF4	\$ 70.207			\$ 352	0.00%		\$ 53,707	
	IVIAI	\$ 1,373,100	-\$ 214,854	\$ 79,307		\$ 1,627,607	<b>352</b>	I .	\$ 55,707	\$ 55,707	-\$ 0

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## Table 15 – Depreciation Expenses 2024 (App 2-C)

Year

2024

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			Book	Values		Service	Lives	Expense	]		
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets	Less Fully Depreciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	Net Amount of Assets to be Depreciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance 4
		a	b	С	d	e = a-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
1609	Capital Contributions Paid					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 101,686	\$ 60,446	\$ 5,060		\$ 43,770	5	20.00%	\$ 8,754	\$ 8,754	\$ 0
1612	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1808	Buildings					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 5,049	\$ 2,179	\$ 500		\$ 3,120	5	20.00%	\$ 624	\$ 624	\$ -
1815	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1825	Storage Battery Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	\$ 577,983	-\$ 185,484	\$ 55,000		\$ 790,967	45	2.22%	\$ 17,577	\$ 17,577	-\$ 0
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 163,242	-\$ 24,738			\$ 193,230	60	1.67%			\$ 1
1840	Underground Conduit	\$ 9,818	-\$ 4,033	\$ 4,600		\$ 16,151	50	2.00%	\$ 323	\$ 323	-\$ 0
1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 76,850	-\$ 278	\$ -		\$ 77,128	30	3.33%	\$ 2,571	\$ 2,571	\$ 0
1850	Line Transformers	\$ 420,926	-\$ 46,259	\$ 36,000		\$ 485,185	40	2.50%		\$ 12,130	\$ 0
1855	Services (Overhead & Underground)	\$ 104,532	-\$ 18,400	\$ 5,500		\$ 125,682	30	3.33%	\$ 4,189	\$ 4,189	-\$ 0
1860	Meters	\$ 4,888	-\$ 10,512	\$ 12,000		\$ 21,400	25	4.00%		\$ 856	\$ 0
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 161,283	-\$ 35,629	\$ 10,000		\$ 201,912	15	6.67%	\$ 13,461	\$ 13,461	-\$ 0
1905	Land					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1908	Buildings & Fixtures					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1910	Leasehold Improvements					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 16,846	\$ 13,261	\$ 500		\$ 3,835	10	10.00%	\$ 383	\$ 384	\$ 0
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 19,145	\$ 17,640	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,755	5	20.00%	\$ 551	\$ 551	\$ 0
1930	Transportation Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1935	Stores Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1945	Measurement & Testing Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1950	Power Operated Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1960	Miscellaneous Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	· · ·	\$ -	\$ -
1970	Load Management Controls Customer Premises			_		\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1975	Load Management Controls Utility Premises					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1980	System Supervisor Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1985	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1990	Other Tangible Property					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1995	Contributions & Grants					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 211,176		-\$ 15,545		-\$ 218,948	32	3.13%	-\$ 6,864	-\$ 7,080	-\$ 216
2005	Property Under Finance Lease					\$ -		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 1,451,070	-\$ 231,807	\$ 126,615		\$ 1,746,185	\$ 352		\$ 57,776	\$ 57,560	-\$ 216

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Table 16 – Depreciation Expenses 2025 (App 2-C)

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			Book	Values		Service	Lives	Expense	1		
Account	Description	Opening Book Value of Assets	Less Fully Depreciated <sup>1</sup>	Current Year Additions	Disposals	Net Amount of Assets to be Depreciated	Remaining Life of Assets Existing <sup>2</sup>	Depreciation Rate Assets	Depreciation Expense on Assets <sup>3</sup>	Depreciati on Expense per Appendix 2-BA Fixed	Variance
		a	b	С	d	e = a-b+0.5*c-d	f	g = 1/f	h = e/f	i	j = i-h
1609	Capital Contributions Paid					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$ 106,746	\$ 60,446	\$ 5,500		\$ 49,050	5	20.00%	\$ 9,810	\$ 9,810	\$ 0
1612	Land Rights (Formally known as Account 1906)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1805	Land					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1808	Buildings					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$ 5,549	\$ 2,179	\$ 500		\$ 3,620	5	20.00%	\$ 724	\$ 724	\$ -
1815	Transformer Station Equipment >50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1820	Distribution Station Equipment <50 kV					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1825	Storage Battery Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	\$ 632,983	-\$ 185,484	\$ 25,000		\$ 830,967	45	2.22%		\$ 18,466	
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$ 173,742				\$ 203,730	60	1.67%			\$ 0
1840	Underground Conduit	\$ 14,418				\$ 20,751	50	2.00%			-\$ 0
1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$ 76,850				\$ 77,128	30	3.33%			
1850	Line Transformers	\$ 456,926				\$ 521,185	40	2.50%		\$ 13,030	
1855	Services (Overhead & Underground)	\$ 110,032				\$ 131,182	30	3.33%			-
1860	Meters	\$ 16,888		0,000		\$ 27,400	25	4.00%			\$ 0
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$ 171,283		\$ 12,000		\$ 212,912	15	6.67%			
1905	Land	V 171,200	Ψ 55,025	Ψ 12,000		\$ -	10	0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1908	Buildings & Fixtures					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1910	Leasehold Improvements					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$ 17.346	\$ 13,261	\$ 500		\$ 4.335	10	10.00%	-	-	\$ 0
	Office Furniture & Equipment (5 years)	V 17,340	Ψ 13,201	9 300		\$ -	10	0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer Equipment - Hardware  Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 22/04)					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$ 21.645	\$ 17.640	\$ 2,500		\$ 5.255	5	20.00%	•	\$ 1.051	\$ 0
1930		\$ 21,045	\$ 17,040	\$ 2,500			5	0.00%			
	Transportation Equipment					\$ -				\$ -	*
1935 1940	Stores Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment					\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1945	Measurement & Testing Equipment					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1950	Power Operated Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	*	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communications Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1955	Communication Equipment (Smart Meters)					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1960	Miscellaneous Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1970	Load Management Controls Customer Premises					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1975	Load Management Controls Utility Premises					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1980	System Supervisor Equipment					\$ -		0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1985	Miscellaneous Fixed Assets					\$ -		0.00%	•	\$ -	\$ -
1990	Other Tangible Property					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
1995	Contributions & Grants	_				\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$ 226,721		-\$ 5,000		-\$ 229,221	32	3.13%		-	-\$ 11
2005	Property Under Finance Lease					\$ -		0.00%		\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 1,577,685	-\$ 231,807	\$ 97,600		\$ 1,858,292	\$ 352		\$ 62,373	\$ 62,361	-\$ 11

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## 2.2.3 Summary of Capital Expenditure and Contribution

The tables below illustrate the gross fixed additions resulting from the capital investment by H2000 from 2020 Board Approved to 2025 for the four OEB categories. H2000 notes that it does not have any work in progress (WIP) and confirms that the capital expenditures below represent in-service additions.

Table 17 – Gross Fixed Asset Additions – System Access (App 2-AA)

Projects	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year	2026	2027	2028	2029
System Access										
New O/H and U/G services	32,254	615	3,982	5,264	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Meters					10,000	12,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
System Access Gross Expenditures	32,254	615	3,982	5,264	15,500	17,500	500	500	500	500
System Access Capital Contributions	-789				-15,545	-5,000				
Sub-Total	31,465	615	3,982	5,264	-45	12,500	500	500	500	500

#### System Access:

From 2020 to 2025, the primary focus in System Access has been on managing the inventory of smart meters and transformers. Having inventory on hand is critical for connecting new services but also for meter replacement or resealing.

From 2026 to 2029, there will be significant focus on transformers, collectors and smart meters. Parts and delivery will be a critical aspect, with annual price increases expected. In the event of new connections, capital contribution will be required.

Further details on the utility's System Access capital spending can be found in the Distribution System Plan filed as an appendix to this Exhibit.

Table 18 – Gross Fixed Asset Additions – System Renewal (App 2-AA)

Projects	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year	2026	2027	2028	2029
System Renewal										
Overhead Conductors and devices	4,000	0	0	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Underground Conductors and devices	7,750	3,900	0	4,496	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600
Line Transformers	13,532	79,274	95,124	19,090	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
Poles & Fixtures	23,966	22,502	83,780	56,203	55,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Meters	10,433	-1,883	-2,667	3,326	0	0				
Communication					12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
System Renewal Gross Expenditures	59,681	103,793	176,237	83,114	118,100	76,100	88,100	88,100	88,100	88,100
System Renewal Capital Contributions			-7,130	-11,237						
Sub-Total	59,681	103,793	169,107	71,877	118,100	76,100	88,100	88,100	88,100	88,100

#### **System Renewal**

From 2020 to 2025, the primary focus in System Renewal has been on asset replacement including poles, smart meters and transformers. Having inventory on hand is critical for connecting new services but also for meter replacement or resealing.

From 2026 to 2029, the renewal plan includes replacing approximately 5 poles annually and ongoing annual changes of 20 porcelain hardware with polymer alternatives. Honeywell has informed H2000 that to work in the legacy environment, an upgrade to NetSense version 12.2 is required for new Next Generation Gatekeepers in the event that the existing Gatekeepers fail. The 2 Gatekeepers need to be upgrade in 2024 before they fail due to their age and placement. The underground conductors and devices will keep being upgrade annually to maintain their efficiency. Additionally, stocking transformers will be a challenge, as delivery times exceed 12 months, with the only available transformers coming from China, as per Bill S-211. The smart meters purchase are delayed upwards to 18 months with constrant price increase.

Further details on the utility's System Renewal capital spending can be found in the Distribution System Plan filed as an appendix to this Exhibit.

Table 19 – Gross Fixed Asset Additions – General Plant (App 2-AA)

Projects	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year	2026	2027	2028	2029
General Plant										
Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System		0	2,872	0	500	500	500	500	500	500
Office Furniture and Equipment		210	349	830	0	500	500	500	500	500
Computer Equipment		31,548	1,505	0	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Software	2,635	0	0	0	5,060	5,500	500	500	500	500
General Plant Gross Expenditures	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	7,560	9,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
General Plant Capital Contributions										
Sub-Total	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	7,560	9,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

#### **General Plant**

From 2020 to 2025, H2000's focus for computer hardware and software (1920-1611) is to ensure an up-to-date approach for both equipment and software. CIS upgrades and periodic workstation replacements are critical for daily operations. These needs are often identified by Hydro 2000's third-party experts, Multi-Link and ORPC (representing Harris-Northstar).

For 2026 to 2029, H2000 anticipates only routine, ongoing needs, unless new regulations from the OEB require additional software updates, in which case H2000 will comply.

Regarding the building (1915), from 2026 to 2029, minimal work is expected. However, with a higher-than-anticipated rent proposal for April 2025, Hydro 2000 may need to relocate, which would involve minor maintenance and repairs to prepare the new location for business.

As for office equipment (also 1915), workstations are a crucial aspect for employees. Most workstation issues have been addressed in recent years, and regular expenditures are expected from 2026 to 2029.

## 2.2.4 Capital Additions: Year over Year Variance Analysis

H2000 has identified variance over the materiality threshold of \$20,000. H2000 has chosen to explain its variance analysis based on capital additions.

Table 20 – Yearly Capital Additions by traditional grouping or account

OEB	Description	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Account		Additions	Additions	Additions	Additions	Additions	Additions
1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$2,635	\$31,548	\$0	\$0	\$5,060	\$5,500
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$2,872	\$0	\$500	\$500
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures - Wood	\$26,347	\$25,964	\$83,780	\$56,203	\$55,000	\$25,000
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
1840	Underground Conduit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,600	\$4,600
1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	\$7,750	\$3,900	\$0	\$4,496	\$0	\$0
1850	Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$13,532	\$79,274	\$95,124	\$19,090	\$36,000	\$36,000
1855	Services -Overhead	\$32,254	\$615	\$3,982	\$5,264	\$5,500	\$5,500
1860	Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$12,000	\$0
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	\$12,024	\$2,129	\$0	\$4,662	\$10,000	\$12,000
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$0	\$210	\$350	\$830	\$500	\$500
1920	Computer Equip Hardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$0	\$0	\$1,505	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
2440	Deferred Revenue	-\$789	\$0	-\$7,130	-\$11,237	-\$15,545	-\$5,000
	Sub-Total	\$97,753	\$143,640	\$180,483	\$79,307	\$126,615	\$97,600
	Disposal	-\$3972	-\$7,474	-\$2,667	-\$1,336		
	Total	-\$93,781	\$136,166	\$177,816	\$77,971	\$126,615	\$97,600

**Table 21 – Year over Year variances** 

OEB Account	Description	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024	2024- 2025
1611	Computer Software (Formally known as Account 1925)	\$28,913	-\$31,548	\$0	\$5,060	\$440
1810	Leasehold Improvements	\$0	\$2,872	-\$2,872	\$500	\$0
1830	Poles, Towers & Fixtures -Wood	-\$384	\$57,817	-\$27,577	-\$1,203	-\$30,000
1835	Overhead Conductors & Devices	-\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,500	\$0
1840	Underground Conduit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,600	\$0
1845	Underground Conductors & Devices	-\$3,850	-\$3,900	\$4,496	-\$4,496	\$0
1850	Line Transformers - Overhead & Underground	\$65,742	\$15,849	-\$76,034	\$16,911	\$0
1855	Services -Overhead	-\$31,639	\$3,367	\$1,282	\$236	\$0
1860	Meters - Energy Meters, CT/PT, Repeaters, & Collectors	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	-\$12,000
1860	Meters (Smart Meters)	-\$9,895	-\$2,129	\$4,662	\$5,338	\$2,000
1915	Office Furniture & Equipment (10 years)	\$210	\$140	\$480	-\$330	\$0
1920	Computer EquipHardware(Post Mar. 19/07)	\$0	\$1,505	-\$1,505	\$2,500	\$0
2440	Deferred Revenue	\$789	-\$7,130	-\$4,107	-\$4,308	\$10,545

In 2021, Hydro 2000 allocated \$28,913 for Computer Software (formerly Account 1925), which included the purchase of a new software license from Honeywell for smart meters. Additionally, \$65,742 was spent on overhead and underground line transformers (Account 1850), covering the purchase of 13 transformers. This included the replacement of 8 transformers—4 containing PCB levels >500mg/kg and 4 with PCB levels <500mg/kg—in compliance with PCB Regulations (SOR/2008-273) by the December 31, 2025, deadline.

In 2022, \$57,817 was spent on replacing wooden poles (Account 1830), including 5 damaged by a derecho storm, 1 pole damaged in a car accident, and 2 poles replaced to accommodate broadband connections.

## 2.2.5 Capitalization Policy

H2000's capitalization policy has not changed since its last Cost of Service in 2020 other than it now records capital assets at cost in accordance with MIFRS accounting principles as well as guidelines set out by the Ontario Energy Board, where applicable.

All expenditures by the Corporation are classified as either capital or operating expenditures. The intention of these classifications is to allocate costs across accounting periods in a manner that appropriately matches those costs with the related current and future economic benefits. The amount to be capitalized is the cost to acquire or construct a capital asset, including any ancillary costs incurred to place a capital asset into its intended state of operation. H2000 does not currently capitalize interest on funds used for construction.

H2000's adherence to the capitalization policy can be described as follows.

- ✓ Assets that are intended to be used on an on-going basis and are expected to provide a future economic benefit (generally considered to be greater than one year) will be capitalized.
- ✓ General Plant items with an estimated useful life greater than one year and valued at greater than \$500 will be capitalized.
- ✓ Expenditures that create a physical betterment or improvement of the asset (i.e. there is a significant increase in the physical output or service capacity, or the useful life of the capital asset is extended) will be capitalized.
- ✓ With respect to vehicles, please note that H2000 does not own any vehicles.
- ✓ Maintenance services are contracted out.

Indirect overhead costs, such as general and administration costs that are not directly attributable to an asset, are not, nor have they ever been capitalized.

#### 2.3. DERIVATION OF THE WORKING CAPITAL ALLOWANCE

H2000's working capital allowance was determined by taking the sum of Cost of Power and controllable expenses (i.e., Operations, Maintenance, Billing and Collecting, Community Relations, Administration and General) and applying an allowance of 7.5%. The table below shows H2000's calculations in determining its Allowance for Working Capital. The increase in OM&A is discussed in detail in exhibit 4. Other components of the Working Capital Allowance are discussed below. The Working Capital Allowance has increased by \$656 over the 2020 Board Approved. The decrease from the 2020 Board Approved to the Test Year 2025 is due to the reduction in Power Supply Expenses.

Table 22 - Trend in Working Capital Allowance

Expenses for Working Capital	Last Board Approved	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Var
Eligible Distribution Expenses:								
3500-Distribution Expenses - Operation	\$10,000	\$28,125	\$16,054	\$22,384	\$17,129	\$18,962	\$24,872	\$14,872
3550-Distribution Expenses - Maintenance	\$31,146	\$31,669	\$26,381	\$49,074	\$39,308	\$42,194	\$44,220	\$13,074
3650-Billing and Collecting	\$155,231	\$145,696	\$176,958	\$204,078	\$237,401	\$246,629	\$262,463	\$107,232
3700-Community Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3800-Administrative and General Expenses	\$296,322	\$297,653	\$300,102	\$301,477	\$319,741	\$338,883	\$355,920	\$59,598
6105-Taxes other than Income Taxes	\$0	-\$365	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Eligible Distribution Expenses	\$492,699	\$502,778	\$519,495	\$577,012	\$613,578	\$646,669	\$687,474	\$194,775
3350-Power Supply Expenses	\$2,529,321	\$3,140,496	\$2,763,659	\$2,431,081	\$2,546,346	\$2,668,570	\$2,343,290	-\$186,032
Total Expenses for Working Capital	\$3,022,020	\$3,643,274	\$3,283,154	\$3,008,093	\$3,159,924	\$3,315,239	\$3,030,764	\$8,743
Working Capital factor	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%
Total Working Capital	\$226,652	\$273,246	\$246,237	\$225,607	\$236,994	\$248,643	\$227,307	\$656

#### **Increased Distribution Expenses**

H2000's 2025 Test Year operating costs are projected to be \$687,474, representing an increase of \$194,75 or 39.5% from its 2020 Board Approved costs. Details are introduced in Table 1 below. Explanations and details are presented in Exhibit 4.

Table 23 - 2025 OM&A vs 2020 Board Approved OM&A

	2020 Board Approved	2025	Var \$	Var %
Operations	\$10,000	\$24,872	\$14,872	148.72%
Maintenance	\$31,146	\$44,220	\$13,074	41.98%
Billing and collecting	\$155,231	\$262,463	\$107,232	69.08%
Community Relations	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Administrative and General	\$296,322	\$355,920	\$59,598	20.11%
Total	\$492,699	\$687,474	\$194,775	39.53%

#### 2.3.1 Derivation of the Cost of Power

The components of H2000's cost of power are summarized below and detailed in several tables illustrated over the following pages. H2000 confirms that it used the most up to date inputs and guidelines to determine its cost of power.

Table 24 - 2025 Cost of Power

Component	\$	Calculated based on loss adjusted or non-loss adjusted
4705 -Power Purchased	\$1,883,284	Loss adjusted
4707- Global Adjustment	\$232,299	Loss adjusted
4708-Charges-WMS	\$93,362	Loss adjusted
4714-Charges-NW	\$180,445	Loss adjusted
4716-Charges-CN	\$150,799	Loss adjusted
4730-RRRP	\$29,046	
4750-Charges-LV	\$221,381	Non-loss-adjusted
4751-IESO SME	\$6,469	Customer Count
Misc A/R or A/P	-\$453,796	
TOTAL	\$2,343,290	

# Commodity and Global Adjustment non-RPP (4705- Power Purchased and 4707 Global Adjustment)

H2000 attests that the Cost of Power is determined by the split between RPP and non-RPP customers based on actual data, using the most current RPP price and current UTR. H2000 calculated the cost of power for the 2025 Test Year based on the results of the load forecast discussed in detail in Exhibit 3. The commodity prices used in the calculation were published in the Board's "Regulated Price Plan - Price Report Nov 01, 2023, to October 31, 2024. Should the Board issue a revised Regulated Price Plan Report before the Board's Decision in the application, H2000 will update the electricity prices in the forecast.

The Commodity share of the Cost of Power is calculated in the same manner as has been previously approved by the OEB in H2000's previous Cost of Service application and other applications.

The sale of energy is a flow-through revenue, and the cost of power is a flow-through expense. Energy sales and the cost of power expense are presented in the table below. H2000 records no profit or loss from the flow-through energy revenues and costs. Any temporary variances are included in the RSVA account balances.

Commodity	Commodity 2024 Test Year								
Customer									
Class Name	UoM		Class B Non-RPP Volume**	Class B RPP Volume**	Average HOEP	Average RPP Rate	Amount		
Residential	kWh		-	12,925,269	\$0.0318	\$0.1111	\$1,435,351		
General Service < 50 kW	kWh		-	3,103,163	\$0.0318	\$0.1111	\$344,606		
General Service > 50 to 4999 kW	kWh		3,026,606	-	\$0.0318	\$0.1111	\$96,216		
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh		-	17,747	\$0.0318	\$0.1111	\$1,971		
Street Lighting	kWh		161,682	-	\$0.0318	\$0.1111	\$5,140		
TOTAL			3,188,288	16,046,179			\$1,883,284		

<sup>\*</sup>Regulated Price Plan Price Report November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024 Ontario Energy Board Oct 19,2023

Table ES-1: Average RPP Supply Cost Forecast Summary (November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024)

RPP Supply Cost Summary					
for the period from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024					
Forecast Wholesale Electricity Price - Simple Average					
Load-Weighted Costs for RPP Consumers					
Wholesale Electricity Cost - RPP-Weighted		\$31.79			
Global Adjustment	+	\$72.86			
Adjustment to Clear Existing Variances	+	\$5.40			
Adjustment to Address Bias Towards Unfavourable Variance	+	\$1.00			
Average Supply Cost for RPP Consumers	=	\$111.05			

# Transmission Network and Connection Charges (4714-Charges-NW and 4716-Charges-CN)

Electricity distributors are charged for transmission costs at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs). For each distribution rate class, there are two RTSRs:

- RTSR Network charge recovers the Uniform Transmission Rates (UTR) wholesale network service charge
- RTSR Connection charge recovers the UTR wholesale line and transformation connection charges.

The table below summarizes the projected transmission network and connection expenses, applying the proposed rates to the 2025 load forecast kWh and kW volumes:

**Table 25 - Transmission Network and Connection Expenses** 

Transmission -Network	Units	Volume	Rate	\$	Volume	Rate	\$	Total
Class per Load Forecast								
Residential	kWh	13,941,770	0.0087	121,409	-	0.0087	-	
General Service < 50 kW	kWh	3,347,210	0.0079	26,416	-	0.0079	-	
General Service > 50 to 4999 kW	kW		3.2414	-	9,698	3.2414	31,435	
<b>Unmetered Scattered Load</b>	kWh	19,143	0.0079	151	-	0.0079	-	
Street Lighting	kW		2.4444	-	423	2.4444	1,034	
SUB-TOTAL				147,976			32,469	180,445
Transmission - Connection	Units	Volume	Rate	\$	Volume	Rate	\$	Total
Class per Load Forecast								
Residential	kWh	13,941,770	0.0072	100,459	-	0.0072	-	
General Service < 50 kW	kWh	3,347,210	0.0069	23,114	-	0.0069	-	
General Service > 50 to 4999 kW	kWh	-	2.7026	-	9,698	2.7026	26,210	
<b>Unmetered Scattered Load</b>	kWh	19,143	0.0069	132	-	0.0069	-	
Street Lighting	kWh	-	2.0894	-	423	2.0894	884	
SUB-TOTAL				123,705			27,094	150,799

<sup>\*</sup>Rates are based on Decision and Rate Order EB-2024-0183 2024 Uniform Transmission Rates issued June 27,2024

The transmission network charges, included in the Cost of Power for the Test Year 2025, are projected at \$180,445, and the connection charges are projected at \$150,799. The Rates are applied to the 2025 Load Forecast to determine the amount included in the Cost of Power.

Wholesale Market Service Charges & Capacity Based Recovery Charges (4708-Charges-WMS)

The OEB released Decision and Order for the Wholesale Market Service (WMS) effective December 7, 2023. The Board's decision is summarized as follows:

- The WMS rate used by rate-regulated distributors to bill their customers shall be \$0.0041 per kilowatt-hour, effective January 1, 2024.
- For Class B customers, a Capacity-based Recovery (CBR) component of \$0.0004 per kilowatt-hour shall be added to the WMS rate for a total of \$0.0045 per kilowatt-hour.
- For Class A customers, distributors shall bill the actual CBR costs to Class A customers in proportion to their contribution to the peak.

In compliance with this order, H2000 has applied the Board-approved rate of \$0.0045/kWh to its' 2025 Load Forecast to include \$85,063 for WMS and \$8,299 in Class B CBR in its' Cost of Power projections as illustrated in the table below:

Wholesale Market Service Units Volume Rate Volume Rate Total Class per Load Forecast Residential kWh 13,941,770 0.0041 0.0041 57,161 General Service < 50 kW kWh 3,347,210 0.0041 13,724 0.0041 General Service > 50 to 4999 kW kWh 0.0041 3,264,631 0.0041 13,385 **Unmetered Scattered Load** 19,143 kWh 0.0041 78 0.0041 -Street Lighting kWh 0.0041 0.0041 715 \_ 174,398 **SUB-TOTAL** 70,963 14,100 85,063 Class B CBR Units Volume \$ Volume Rate Rate \$ Total Class per Load Forecast kWh 13,941,770 0.0004 0.0004 Residential 5,577 General Service < 50 kW kWh 3,347,210 0.0004 1,339 0.0004 General Service > 50 to 4999 kW 0.0004 kWh 0.0004 3,264,631 1,306 **Unmetered Scattered Load** kWh 19,143 0.0004 8 0.0004 Street Lighting kWh 0.0004 \_ 174,398 0.0004 70 SUB-TOTAL 6,923 1,376 8,299

**Table 26- Wholesale Market and CBR** 

#### Rural or Remote Electricity Protection Rate (RRRP) Charges

The OEB released Decision and Order for the Rural Remote Electricity Protection Rate (RRRP) effective December 7, 2023. The Board's decision is summarized as follows:

The RRRP rate used by rate-regulated distributors to bill their customers shall be \$0.0014 per kilowatt-hour, effective January 1, 2024.

In compliance with this order, H2000 has applied the Board Approved \$0.0014/kWh to its' 2025 Load Forecast to include \$29,046 in its' Cost of Power as illustrated in the table below:

**Table 27 – Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (4708-Charges-RRRP)** 

RRRP	Units	Volume	Rate	\$	Volume	Rate	\$	Total
Class per Load Forecast								
Residential	kWh	13,941,770	0.0014	19,518	-	0.0014	-	
General Service < 50 kW	kWh	3,347,210	0.0014	4,686	-	0.0014	-	
General Service > 50 to 4999 kW	kWh	-	0.0014	-	3,264,631	0.0014	4,570	
Unmetered Scattered Load	kWh	19,143	0.0014	27	-	0.0014	-	
Street Lighting	kWh	-	0.0014	-	174,398	0.0014	244	
SUB-TOTAL				24,231			4,815	29,046

#### **Smart Meter Charge**

The proposed rate remains at \$0.42 per the OEB guidance provided on December 7, 2023. In compliance with this order, H2000 has applied the Board Approved rate of \$0.42 per month for the forecasted Residential and General Service<50kW customers for Test Year 2025 and included the projected amount of \$6,469 in its' Cost of Power as illustrated below:

**Table 28 - Smart Meter Entity (4751-IESO SME)** 

Smart Meter Entity Charge	Customers	Rate	\$
Class per Load Forecast			
Residential	1145	0.42	5769
General Service < 50 kW	139	0.42	700
			-
SUB-TOTAL			6,469

The table below shows the derivation of proposed retail rates for Low Voltage ("LV") service. The 2025 estimates of total LV charges were calculated based on the last three years of actual charges from Hydro One. Details are shown in the next table (Table 29)

The 2025 projected LV charges are based 2023 LV charges adapted to current 2024 rates as invoiced by Hydro One.

The projections were allocated to customer classes, according to each class share of projected Transmission-Connection revenue, per Board policy. The resulting LV charges for each class were divided by the applicable 2025volumes from the load forecast, as presented in Exhibit 3. Current LV revenues are recovered through a separate rate adder and are not embedded within the approved Distribution Volumetric rate. LV rates appear on a distinct line item on the proposed schedule of rates.

Table 29 - Proposed LV Charges (4750-Charges-LV)

	2023				2023	
	Service Points				Description	
Input	3 Plantagenet HEC F3				Common ST Line	
Name Of Service Point	2 ALFRED PME HEC			Input LV Billed Components From Host	Monthly Service Charge	
	1 ALFRED DS F3 HEC			11000	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	
	LV Line Plantagenet				Meter Charge	
					9	
			2023 KW	Current Rates (2024)		
Month	Description	Service Point	Kw	Rate	# Of Accounts	Total Charge
January	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,510.40	2.0255		\$3,059.32
_	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	579.84	2.0255		\$1,174.47
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,940.16	2.0255		\$3,929.79
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	4,024.16	2.0255		\$8,150.94
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	_		36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
						\$20,148.66
February	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,812.16	2.0255		\$3,670.53
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	723.60	2.0255		\$1,465.65
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	2,389.44	2.0255		\$4,839.81
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	4,939.30	2.0255		\$10,004.55
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
						\$23,814.69
March	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,298.56	2.0255		\$2,630.23
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	515.28	2.0255		\$1,043.70
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,704.32	2.0255		\$3,452.10
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,543.32	2.0255		\$7,176.99
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
						\$18,137.18
April	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,447.36	2.0255		\$2,931.63
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	869.28	2.0255		\$1,760.73
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	3,037.44	2.0255		\$6,152.33
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	4,862.05	2.0255		\$9,848.08
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
						\$24,526.92
May	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,297.92	2.0255		\$2,628.94
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	331.20	2.0255		\$670.85
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,322.56	2.0255		\$2,678.85
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	2,953.08	2.0255		\$5,981.46
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
						\$15,794.24
June	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,400.00	2.0255		\$2,835.70
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	354.48	2.0255		\$718.00
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,468.80	2.0255		\$2,975.05

	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,250.18	2.0255		\$6,583.24
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	LV Ellio Flamagoriot	0,200.10	36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
	Wienany Cervice Charge			024.2000		\$16,946.14
July	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,456.96	2.0255		ψ10,540.14
July	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	362.64	2.0255		\$734.53
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,490.88	2.0255		\$3,019.78
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,331.30	2.0255		\$6,747.55
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	LV Line i lantagenet	0,001.00	36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
	Worlding Gervice Griange			024.2000	<u> </u>	\$17,287.08
August	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,220.48	2.0255		\$2,472.08
August	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	318.24	2.0255		\$644.60
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,240.32	2.0255		\$2,512.27
	Common ST Line		2,768.85	2.0255		\$5,608.31
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	Lv Line Plantagenet	2,700.03	36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
	Monthly Service Charge			024.2000	J	
Camtamahan	Common ST Line	2 Diameter was at Line F2	4 400 00	0.0055		\$15,071.40
September	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3 2 Alfred Pme Hec	1,492.80 365.04	2.0255 2.0255		\$739.39
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,555.20	2.0255		
	Common ST Line	-		2.0255		\$3,150.06
	-	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,440.38	36.1800	3	\$6,968.49 \$108.54
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			417.5900	3	· ·
	Meter Charge  Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$1,252.77 \$2,472.84
	Monthly Service Charge			024.2000	ა	\$17,715.75
October	Common ST Line	2 Diantagenet Lies F2	1 146 00	2.0255		\$2,323.01
October	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3 2 Alfred Pme Hec	1,146.88 341.76	2.0255		
						\$692.23
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,310.72	2.0255		\$2,654.86
	Common ST Line  Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider	Lv Line Plantagenet	2,717.79	2.0255 36.1800	3	\$5,504.88
						\$108.54 \$1,252.77
	Meter Charge			417.5900 824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
	Monthly Service Charge			024.2000	ა	
Massamahan	Common CT Line	2 Diameter was at Line F2	4 220 04	2.0255		\$15,009.14
November	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,328.64	2.0255		\$2,691.16
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	492.48	2.0255		\$997.52
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,673.28	2.0255		\$3,389.23
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,515.45	2.0255	0	\$7,120.54
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
December	Common CT Lin	2 Dionto non et lie - C2	1 207 70	0.0055		\$18,032.60
December	Common ST Line	3 Plantagenet Hec F3	1,397.76	2.0255		\$2,831.16
	Common ST Line	2 Alfred Pme Hec	516.72	2.0255		\$1,046.62
	Common ST Line	1 Alfred Ds F3 Hec	1,790.40	2.0255		\$3,626.46
	Common ST Line	Lv Line Plantagenet	3,731.99	2.0255	2	\$7,559.15
	Def Tax Asset Fixed Rider			36.1800	3	\$108.54
	Meter Charge			417.5900	3	\$1,252.77
	Monthly Service Charge			824.2800	3	\$2,472.84
			00 504 05			\$18,897.53
			86,581.85			\$221,381.34

## Table 29 - Proposed LV Charges (4750-Charges-LV) (Cont'd)

Proposed Loss Factor	1.0786								
Rate Class	Unit	2025	RTSR Connection Rate	Loss Adjusted Volume	RTSR Connection Revenue	Allocation	Allocated Low Voltage Charges	Delivered Volume	Low Voltage Rates
Residential	\$/kWh	11,782,231	0.0072	12,708,838.74	91,575.00	50.98%	112,853.57	11,782,231	0.0096
General Service < 50 kW	\$/kWh	3,672,224	0.0069	3,961,023.69	27,352.39	15.23%	33,708.05	3,672,224	0.0092
General Service > 50 to 4999 kW	\$/kW	9,698	2.7026	9,697.96	26,209.77	14.59%	32,299.92	9,698	3.3306
Unmetered Scattered Load	\$/kWh	16,511	2.0894	16,511.44	34,499.53	19.20%	42,515.92	16,511	2.5749
Street Lighting	\$/kW	423	0.0069	456.27	3.15	0.00%	3.88	423	0.0092
TOTAL					179,640	100.0%	221,381		

## 2.4. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN FOR SMALL UTILITIES

Per section 2.2.2.1 of the filing requirements, H2000 has filed its 2025 DSP as a stand-alone document, included in Appendix 2A of this exhibit.

The DSP describes how H2000's proposed capital investments for the 2025-2029 period are informed by its asset management process and continuous internal asset condition monitoring and assessment.

As a preamble to the DSP, H2000's Capital Expenditure Checklist, shown in the table below, highlights areas of change that affect the utility's capital investment and overall plan.

**Table 30 – Capital Expenditure Checklist** 

Area to Address	Capital Investment Required?
Capacity Issues	No
Reliability	YES
Safety	No
Service Quality	YES
Efficiency Assessment & Unit Cost Metrics	No
Regional Planning	No
Renewable Energy Generation / DER	No
Major Asset Replacement	No
New ACM	No
Customer Growth	No
Asset Condition	No
Other	No

#### **Capacity Issues:**

System Loading Under Normal Operation: Hydro 2000 does not foresee any capacity issues in the near future and opted not to perform a new load flow study for cost reasons, relying on the 2019 study's findings. The 2019 report established that the winter peak demand was conservatively calculated at 3,897 kVA, accounting for some diversity. The utility is confident that the 7.5MVA transformer will meet the peak demand over the next 10 years, assuming a 2% annual growth rate. Additional load from Hydro One's rural feeder 2 section and the Alfred system was also modeled to assess the transformer's ability to support future growth, with load models constructed for both summer and winter conditions. Winter peak data was collected in October 2019.

#### System Reliability & Performance

Table 31 - Count of All Causes of Power Interruptions (2020-2023)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	hours	hours	hours	hours	hours
Defects Equip	3	5.3	21	5.5	7
Loss of supply	4	0	9.5	95	12
Schedule outage	11.75	44.83	9	8	5

**Equipment Defects:** Outages due to equipment failures fluctuated from 2019 to 2023. The average outage duration increased from 3 hours in 2019 to 5.3 hours in 2020, indicating rising equipment issues. In 2021, outages peaked at 21 hours but improved significantly to 5.5 hours in 2022. Although outages rose slightly to 7 hours in 2023, they remained well below the 2021 peak, showing better management of equipment-related problems.

**Supply Loss:** Outages due to supply loss fluctuated over five years. In 2019, outages totaled 4 hours, with no supply-related outages in 2020. However, disruptions increased to 9.5 hours in 2021. The most significant spike occurred in May 2022, reaching 95 hours due to a derecho storm. By 2023, outages decreased to 12 hours, reflecting improved supply management after the 2022 peak.

**Scheduled Outage:** Scheduled outages fluctuated between 2019 and 2023. They rose from 11.75 hours in 2019 to 44.83 hours in 2020 due to additional maintenance or upgrades. In 2021, outages dropped to 9 hours, as much of the work was completed the prior year. This downward trend continued with 8 hours in 2022 and 5 hours in 2023.

**Safety - Operational Effectiveness Indicators:** H2000 has consistently met all safety requirements and indicators; therefore, no issues or capital investments are required to meet safety targets.

#### **Efficiency Assessment & Unit Cost Metrics**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	(History)	(History)	(Bridge)	(Test Year)			
PEG Model							
Cost Benchmarking Summary							
Actual Total Cost	658,731	643,986	677,429	739,056	765,040	820,862	877,182
Predicted Total Cost	823,830	864,001	911,250	957,334	1,022,897	1,054,972	1,131,891
Difference	(165,100)	(220,015)	(233,821)	(218,279)	(257,857)	(234,111)	(254,709)
Percentage Difference (Cost Performance)	-22.4%	-29.4%	-29.7%	-25.88%	-29.05%	-25.09%	-25.49%
Three-Year Average Performance			-27.1%	-28.31%	-28.19%	-26.67%	-26.54%
Stretch Factor Cohort							
Annual Result	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Three Year Average			1	1	1	1	1
PEG Published results *	2	2	2	2	2		

<sup>\*</sup> Note: The results from the OEB Benchmarking model differ from the published results.

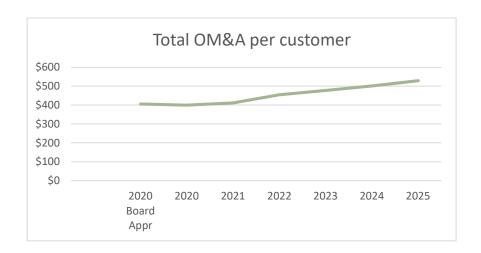
Based on the Benchmarking model, H2000 anticipates that its costs will be 25.49% lower than the initial prediction. H2000's exceptional cost efficiency firmly establishes it as one of the most efficient utilities in the province. H2000 is committed to finding further ways to improve efficiency while also prioritizing the maintenance of its distribution system to ensure customers continue to receive the same high level of service they have always received.

#### Cost per Customer

The chart below illustrates H2000's "Cost per Customer" over the six years 2020 - 2025:

Table 32 – Total Cost per Customer per Year

	2020 Board Appr	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OM&A Costs							
O&M	\$41,146	\$59,794	\$42,435	\$71,458	\$56,436	\$61,156	\$69,092
Admin Expenses	\$451,553	\$443,349	\$477,059	\$505,555	\$557,142	\$585,513	\$618,383
Total Recoverable OM&A from Appendix 2-JB <sup>5</sup>	\$492,699	\$503,143	\$519,495	\$577,012	\$613,578	\$646,669	\$687,474
Number of Customers <sup>2,4</sup>	1215	1257	1264	1268	1285	1291	1298
Number of FTEs 3,4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Customers/FTEs	405.00	419.06	421.28	422.75	428.17	430.49	432.82
OM&A cost per customer							
O&M per customer	\$34	\$48	\$34	\$56	\$44	\$47	\$53
Admin per customer	\$372	\$353	\$377	\$399	\$434	\$453	\$476
Total OM&A per customer	\$406	\$400	\$411	\$455	\$478	\$501	\$529
OM&A cost per FTE							
O&M per FTE	\$13,715	\$19,931	\$14,145	\$23,819	\$18,812	\$20,385	\$23,031
Admin per FTE	\$150,518	\$147,783	\$159,020	\$168,518	\$185,714	\$195,171	\$206,128
Total OM&A per FTE	\$164,233	\$167,714	\$173,165	\$192,337	\$204,526	\$215,556	\$229,158



The table below summarizes the change in "Cost per Customer" over the five years. As can be seen, the utility is working towards reducing its costs per customer. The progress towards achieving lower rates was interrupted in the utility's last cost of service and was, for the most part, related to the addition of the transformer station.

Like most distributors in the province, H2000 has experienced increases in its total operating costs required to deliver quality and reliable services to customers. Investments in new information systems technology, cyber-security, and labour cost adjustments for inflation for

employees, as well as the renewal of the distribution system, have all contributed to increased operating and capital costs.

H2000's customer growth rate for its territory is considered to be relatively steady at approximately 1% per year. The utility will continue to seek innovative solutions to help ensure cost per customer remains competitive and within acceptable limits to its customers.

H2000 will continue to replace distribution assets and has provision for replacement of assets based on its replacement process and age as described in the LDC's capital investment plan for 2025-2029.

#### **Regional Planning**

H2000 confirms that there are no capacity issues or need for regional planning investment in the service area that would affect H2000.

#### Renewable Energy Generation / DER

Any FIT-size generator connection application process for H2000 customers requires the involvement of HONI. The application process includes an internal review of applications. H2000 also requires approval from HONI for projects greater than 10kW for connection capacity, as HONI is the Host Distributor. H2000 is unaware of any upstream capacity constraints at the HONI-owned TS in Chesterville relating to the H2000 supply feeders.

#### **Net Metering**

H2000 has not received any requests for the connection of "net metering" in its service territory. Based upon the above information, H2000 does not expect to reach the current available capacity for renewable generation in the near future (i.e., over the 5-year forecast horizon).

#### **Smart Grid**

At this time, there is no capital investment for Renewable Generation or DER included in H2000's forecasted capital expenditure plan for 2025-2029.

#### **Major Asset Replacement**

H2000 does not have any major assets at this time.

#### Advanced Capital Module (ACM)

For the Capital Plan period 2026-2029, H2000 is not requesting an ACM to fund a capital project.

#### **Customer Growth**

No customer growth outside of the usual trend will present capacity or loading issues during the 5-year DSP period of 2025-2029.

#### **Asset Condition Assessment**

H2000's asset base is small and manageable enough that a formal Asset Condition Assessment (ACA) does not need to be conducted. H2000's asset base comprises transformers, pole-mount transformers, pad-mount transformers, and poles. H2000, with the input of its 3<sup>rd</sup> party capital work contractor Sproule Powerline Construction Ltd ultimately decides on the replacement of assets that are at risk of failing or are in poor health. A minimum number of overall replacements are required throughout the 5-year plan to sustain asset performance at current levels. Inspections and testing programs are designed to identify poor health poles and transformers for proactive replacement before failure.

Approximately 709 primarily wood-type poles support the overhead distribution system. H2000 completes system patrols regularly. The patrol includes a visual inspection of the poles looking for visible signs of damage or a leaning pole. Poles are tested every three to four years. Currently, the results are used to provide input into the capital plan primarily for the following year as well as going into a cost-of-service year. Poles flagged as problematic are planned for replacement.

#### Other

No other issues were identified for capital investment.

#### Capitalization of overhead

Indirect overhead costs, such as general and administrative costs that are not directly attributable to an asset, are not, nor have they ever been capitalized. (As such, Appendix 2-D is not applicable in this case)

#### Costs of eligible investments for distributors

H2000 attests that it has not included any costs or Investments to Connect Qualifying Generation Facilities in its capital costs or its Distribution System Plan.

As such, details of any capital contributions made or forecast to be made to a transmitter concerning a Connection and Cost Recovery Agreement are not applicable in this case.

H2000 is not considering incremental conservation initiatives to defer or avoid future infrastructure projects as part of distribution system planning processes, nor is it planning on applying for funding through distribution rates to pursue activities such as energy efficiency

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programs, demand response programs, energy storage programs, etc. Lastly, H2000 is not considering a generation facility.

#### New policy options for the funding of capital

H2000 is not proposing any unique or different approach to funding its capital expenditure

#### Addition of ICM assets to rate base

H2000 has not applied to recover investments through the OEB's Incremental Capital Module. And as such, H2000 does not need to reconcile the balance in account 1508 with rate base amounts.

#### Transmission or high voltage assets

Per ANSI standard C84.1-1989, "Low" voltage is described as 600V and below. "Medium" voltage is 2.4kV through 69kV. "High" voltage is 115kV through 230kV and "Extra-High" voltage is 345kV to 765kV, while "Ultra-high" voltage is 1.1MV. The higher voltage of the transformer (primary or secondary) is the voltage on which the transformer is designated. H2000 currently operates one 44kV and one 115kV which technically could be classified as "high voltage which are still expected to be treated as distribution assets. H2000 confirms that it does not have any transmission assets or distribution assets which are treated differently than its previous application.

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## 1. <u>DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN</u>

This Distribution System Plan (DSP, "The Plan") has been prepared by Hydro 2000 Inc. (H2000).

H2000's DSP supports cost-effective planning that ensures efficiency, dependability, sustainability, and customer value. The DSP documents current practices, policies, and processes. These processes ensure that investment decisions meet H2000's goals cost-effectively and add customer value. H2000 follows its DSP to benefit customers.

H2000 used the template and section headers from the very small utility working group example to organize the information. The OEB categorizes investment projects and operations as System Access, System Renewals, System Service, or General Plant. The DSP covers the historic years, the bridge year, the test year, and the projected years. For the purposes of this DSP, 2020 to 2023 are the historic years, 2024 is the bridge year, 2025 is the test year and 2026-2029 are the forecast years.

H2000 confirms that this plan's information is current and based on actual expenses as of end of 2023 and capital expenditure predictions for 2025 to 2029. Project details have been provided for projects over H2000's materiality threshold of \$50,000 as described in Exhibit 1.

H2000's integrated approach to planning, prioritizing, and managing assets includes regional planning, local stakeholder consultations, and renewable generation connections. H2000 has completed this DSP with a focus on customer preferences and operational effectiveness while achieving optimal value for capital spending.

The purpose of this DSP is to present H2000's Asset Management Strategy and to provide justifications for the capital investments required to maintain its core business: supplying reliable electrical services to its customers at a reasonable cost. This requires:

- a thorough understanding of the age, condition and performance of its assets,
- documenting its inspection practices in accordance with the DSC,
- describing its maintenance activities in accordance with good utility practice,
- ensuring that all aspects of employee and public safety are addressed in compliance with all regulatory and legal obligations,
- recognizing and addressing constraints in the current distribution system and anticipating future capacity requirements,
- demonstrating that the asset management process recognizes the above items and prioritizes projects to accommodate customers and system requirements, and
- developing a five-year forward-looking capital expenditure plan that anticipates the future growth, capacity and performance of the distribution system while remaining flexible to accommodate the unknown requirements of its customer base.

## 1.1.1.Key elements of the DSP

H2000's second DSP largely remains unchanged from the previous 2020 filing, as operational and service requirements are expected to stay consistent through the planning period. The projected expenditures for 2024 and 2025 focus on:

- Routine spending for a mature, stable customer base.
- Targeted capital investments to replace aging infrastructure and ensure reliable supply.
- Minimal general plant upgrades for office and IT needs.

Key areas of investment include replacing end-of-life assets like poles and transformers and maintaining supply capacity.

Several factors guide investment planning, including customer service, asset management outputs (maintenance and replacement), coordination with municipal projects, and regulatory obligations. Notably, there are no expectations for load growth due to developments.

H2000 regularly assesses the condition of its assets, updating information after maintenance and capital projects. Poles undergo periodic third-party testing to ensure reliability. The latest testing was recently done in advance of the utility's cost of service application. Capital investment decisions are prioritized during the budgeting process, evaluating project costs, expected benefits, and risks to determine investment priority.

Following good utility practices, H2000 adheres to OEB's Distribution System Code (DSC), ensuring safe, reliable operations. While it has not implemented newer technologies like SCADA or GIS, H2000 uses consultants such as Stantec and its 3rd party contractor to monitor load and voltage requirements.

The DSP aims to maintain quality and reliability at affordable costs through preventative maintenance, refurbishment, and asset replacements. H2000 prioritizes non-discretionary investments and replacement of end-of-life infrastructure while managing costs to reduce rate impacts on customers.

H2000 remains committed to proactive response during adverse weather, coordinating with local authorities, monitoring forecasts, and engaging third-party contractors to ensure swift power restoration and infrastructure repairs. Efforts like vegetation management are also prioritized to prevent weather-related damage and enhance system resilience.

The DSP does not include any CDM Activities at this time.

## 1.1.2. Sources of Cost Savings

H2000's planning, prioritization, and investment processes follow good utility practices that are executed through the DSP. These practices not only ensure operational efficiency but also inherently drive cost savings by emphasizing sound decision-making, thoughtful compromises, and carefully timed actions. By aligning investment with the right priorities and maintaining optimum expenditure levels, H2000 minimizes unnecessary costs, ensuring that every dollar spent contributes to long-term value while keeping rates manageable for customers.

## 1.1.3. Investment by Category

In developing its long-term DSP, H2000's objective is to make timely investments in infrastructure to ensure its distribution system continues to deliver power at the quality and reliability levels required by its customers. Details of the forecast for capital expenses can be seen in Section 7.

H2000 tracks its capital spending in both the traditional system USoA and the RRFE categories (System Access, System Renewal, System Service, and General Plant).

The table below provides the Historical Investments as reported in its last DSP up to projected investments H2000 has made since 2014 up to projected investments for 2024 and 2025.

**Table 1 – Investment by Category** 

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
System Access	32,254	615	3,982	5,264	15,500	17,500
<b>Capital Contributions</b>	-789		-7,130	-11,237	-15,545	-5000
Planned 2020DSP	37290	5000	5000	5000	5000	
System Renewal	59,681	103,793	176,237	83,114	118,100	76,100
Planned 2020DSP	106798	100000	100000	100000	100000	
System Service	0	0	0	0	0	
Planned 2020DSP						
General Plant	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	8,560	9,000
Planned 2020DSP	350	5500	5500	5500	5500	
Total Capex	93,781	136,166	177,815	77,971	126,615	97,600
(includes disposals)						

## **Utility Overview and System Configuration**

## 1.1.4. Utility Overview

H2000 Inc. was incorporated in September 2000. H2000 is the local distribution company in Eastern Ontario that is responsible for the distribution of electricity to the former Corporation of the Village of Alfred and the former Village of Plantagenet. Located in Eastern Ontario, the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet has a population of more than 9,680 including the former municipalities of Alfred, Plantagenet, Curran, Wendover, Treadwell, Lefaivre and Pendleton.

H2000 is incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act and is 100% owned by the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet. H2000 is managed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet. H2000 has three employees: a Manager, an Administrative Coordinator and a Client Services Representative in the office. H2000 hires Sproule Powerline Construction (SPL) to address the outside plant matters. Consequently, most of the operational and technical input comes from the contractor SPL.

H2000 is the local distribution company that is responsible for the distribution of electricity to the Village of Alfred and the village of Plantagenet. The distribution service territory has an area of nine square kilometers. The distribution service has 21 kilometers of lines comprised of 18 kilometers of overhead lines and three kilometers of underground lines.

H2000's revenue is earned by delivering electric power to the homes and businesses in the service territory. The rates charged for this, and the performance standards that the energy delivery system must meet, are regulated by the OEB.

As an embedded utility, H2000 is billed monthly by Hydro One.

The weather in Alfred and Plantagenet is characterized by cold winters with snow and cold temperatures. The township has a semi-continental climate, with a warm, humid summer and a very cold winter. Winters in the township are severe. Snow depths of greater than 1 cm are experienced about 120 days each year and freezing rain is not uncommon in the winter. Minimum average temperatures in January are about -15 degrees Celsius and in summer the maximum average temperature is about 26 degrees Celsius.

## 1.1.5. System Configuration

H2000 is responsible for the distribution of electricity within its nine-square-kilometer service area, which includes the villages of Alfred and Plantagenet. The distribution network consists of 21 kilometers of lines—18 kilometers of overhead and 3 kilometers of underground—operating at a primary distribution voltage of 8.32 kV. Notably, H2000 does not host any other utilities in its territory.

As an embedded utility, H2000 receives its power from Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) and distributes it to 725 customers in Alfred and 515 customers in Plantagenet. The distribution system in Alfred is fed by an 8.32 kV feeder and a pole-mounted feeder from HONI's 44 kV Alfred Distribution Station, located on Peat Moss Road. In Plantagenet, power is supplied via an 8.32 kV feeder from HONI's Plantagenet Distribution Station on County Road #9. Both stations are powered by feeder M26, which is connected to the Longueil Transformer Station (TS).

H2000 owns and maintains all distribution assets, including 205 transformers (189 pole-mounted and 16 pad-mounted), as well as the associated protective devices and secondary conductors that supply electricity to its customers.

To date, HONI has not identified any constraints with the feeders serving H2000. Coordination between H2000 and HONI occurs as needed, with HONI managing planned outages, switching plans, and providing a weekly update from the Ontario Grid Control Centre to inform customers of significant events affecting its transmission and distribution systems.

System Component Ampacity @ 8.32kV Rating 44kV Primary Fuses Continuous Amps 761.5A (144A) S&C Electric SMD-1A, 125E Daily 8 hour peak 772.1A (146A) Slow Speed, TCC 119-1 Emergency 8 hour peak 835.6A (158A) 44,000/8,800V Transformer Continuous Amps 520A (98.4A) Delta/Wye (Grnd.), 7.5 MVA (ONAN) Z = 5.56%8.32kV Secondary Switchgear \*600A Continuous Amps 280A 8.32kV Hydraulic Oil Circuit Reclosers Continuous Amps Cooper Type 'L' with 280A Trips

**Table 2 - System Equipment Ratings** 

It should be noted that the evaluation of loading and capacity at the substation is the responsibility of Hydro One Networks Inc (HONI).

The ratings of most feeder level switches within this system were estimated as 100 or 200 Amps, based on the cable size they were connected to. Most aggregated backbone switches are solid-blade type, and their ratings were estimated at 300 Amps, based on the cable size they were connected to. These conservative values will allow us to ensure that all normal and emergency situations which may be above that level are flagged properly. Typically, winter ratings of these switches are at least 25% higher than summer ratings due to the lower ambient temperature and are rated that way within this study. It would be beneficial to confirm and add all switch and fuse ampacities to the system utility diagram at some point in the future.

## 1.2. Asset Management Strategy and Objectives

#### 1.2.1. Overview

This document outlines H2000's asset management philosophy and the key elements of the process that guide its capital investment decisions. It explains how the utility's objectives and asset management goals influence the selection and prioritization of H2000's planned capital investments which are essential for repairing or replacing aging infrastructure, including conductors, insulators, lightning arrestors, and wooden poles.

#### 1.2.2. Drivers and Influencers

This section outlines the key factors that drive and influence H2000's strategic decisions related to infrastructure investment and operational priorities. These drivers ensure that the utility remains responsive to evolving customer needs, regulatory requirements, and technological advancements, while maintaining system reliability and meeting future capacity demands. The following factors—customer demand, system reliability, municipal directives, capacity requirements, asset management obligations, infrastructure renewal, and smart metering—shape the direction of H2000's capital expenditures and long-term planning efforts. Each plays a critical role in guiding investment choices and ensuring that the utility continues to deliver reliable, efficient, and cost-effective services.

## 1.2.3. Strategy

H2000's DSP is designed to present a fully integrated approach to capital expenditure planning. This includes comprehensive documentation of its asset management process to support its future five-year capital expenditure plan and detailing the history of its past five years' activities.

H2000's strategic priorities are defined in its corporate goals and reflect its mission and value statements:

- To form partnerships and alliances with other local distribution companies for economies of scale and cost-sharing opportunities
- To stay current with industry, sector and regulatory changes
- To pursue new business opportunities, partnerships and best management practices in our quest to meet or exceed financial expectations of our community by cost sharing, efficiency gains, cost savings, improve reliability, superior customer service and protecting the environment
- To investigate roles and opportunities that H2000 can pursue in generation.

H2000 recognizes its responsibilities to provide its customers with reliable service that is acknowledged as excellent value for money, by ensuring that its asset management activities maintain alignment with RRFE objectives – customer focus, operational effectiveness, public policy responsiveness and financial performance.

## 1.2.4. Objective

H2000's asset management objectives form the high-level philosophy framework for its capital program. These objectives help to define the content of the programs and the major projects in the capital expenditure plan necessary to sustain H2000's electrical distribution system. The objectives provide guidance to make effective capital investment decisions, which inherently make the best use of, and maximize the value of the assets. The objectives identify an initial starting point and are developed, enhanced, or adjusted so that they are aligned with H2000's business environment. The qualitative asset management objectives have been integrated into H2000's Capital Investment Process to prioritize investments for five years including the bridge and test years.

Asset management objectives describe the specific and measurable outcomes required of the asset management system and are used to measure the success of the Asset Management Plan.

H2000's multi-level commitment to its stakeholders is reflected in these asset management objectives:

- to construct, maintain and operate all assets in a condition safe to staff, contractors and the public,
- to actively manage distribution assets to optimally balance system investments and reliability,
- to align asset investments with customer expectations of cost, reliability and service performance,
- to continually seek out, develop and deliver sustainable cost efficiencies relating to asset deployment, operations, and maintenance,
- to manage the pace and magnitude of asset investments over the long term, to level customer rate impacts while maintaining corporate financial stability and continuing to deliver economically reliable power to customers,
- to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in the design and management of the distribution system,
- to satisfy growth and loading needs by managing capacity and asset utilization, and
- to incorporate and leverage the benefits of new technology as appropriate.

The goals and objectives are used throughout H2000's asset management approach and are embedded within the asset management policy, strategies, and plan. Key tactical initiatives are included to achieve the objectives. The goals and objectives will have targets established to determine the measure of success of the asset management programs and practices. Conceptually, objectives will most likely revolve around, but not be limited to safety, reliability and cost efficiency.

## 1.3. Asset Management Process

The planning begins with reviewing system performance to ensure it meets management objectives. Key components of the Asset Management Process include:

- 1) Assessing asset conditions through inspections, life expectancy, fault frequency, maintenance costs, and customer impact.
- 2) Replacing assets as needed for system reliability (non-discretionary) or when it's more economical to replace than maintain (discretionary).

Data used in asset management comes from inspections, reliability info, asset condition assessments, and outage data. Internal and external factors, such as safety, customer needs, regulatory changes, and system reliability, drive decisions.

When selecting capital projects, H2000 considers safety, system reliability, rate impact, and other factors. Safety and compliance are mandatory, while other criteria are weighed based on system needs.

Capital spending is guided by identified needs, with projects reviewed for rate impacts, customer service value, and shareholder investment. A combination of bottom-up and top-down approaches informs the budget, which is approved by the H2000 Board of Directors. The capital budget is flexible, allowing for adjustments throughout the year based on changing requirements, such as storm damage or unanticipated municipal projects. Over the last four years, this process has effectively managed H2000's assets and capital expenditures.

## 1.3.1. Non-Discretionary vs. Discretionary Capital Projects

#### Non-discretionary

Non-discretionary capital projects are automatically included in the capital budget based on their need and include:

- o emergency replacement of failed equipment (system renewal),
- safety-related projects (system service),
- o new/enhanced customer service connections (system access),
- plant relocation projects necessitate by road construction (system access),
- mandated service obligations—regulatory, legal, or road authority (system access), and
- renewable energy projects (system access).

#### **Discretionary**

All other projects not mandated are deemed discretionary. Evaluating the absolute or relative importance of these proposed investments in distribution assets can be an intricate task. There are often competing requirements for available resources in any year. The decision to recommend an individual project in the current year is made by management and the board of directors.

H2000 uses a combined needs and risk-based approach to considering discretionary capital projects. This evaluation generally considers a range of criteria including health and safety concerns, load and customer growth projections, regulatory and environmental requirements, system reliability, life expectancy, operational efficiency, and optimal lifecycle costs.

The following criteria are used to turn subjective factors into objective evaluations for comparing discretionary capital projects:

- Public safety: Assesses whether the project reduces the risk of public injury. If the
  risk is high and unacceptable, it becomes a non-discretionary project.
- Worker safety: Similar to public safety, it evaluates if the project lowers the risk of injury to workers.
- **Regulatory compliance:** Considers how the project meets OEB requirements and whether it affects the utility's license or business.
- **Environmental impairment:** Evaluates the project's impact on reducing environmental risks and the costs of deferred remediation.
- **Environmental footprint:** Focuses on whether the project reduces greenhouse gases or aligns with energy efficiency and conservation goals.
- **Reliability:** Assesses how the project improves system reliability or customer service, with measurable or qualitative benefits.
- **Power quality:** Determines if the project maintains or improves power quality standards.
- **Customer satisfaction**: Evaluates how the project impacts service quality and whether it's necessary to meet regulatory service standards.
- **Customer perception:** Considers how the public views the project, though this isn't the sole deciding factor.
- **Financial:** Looks at whether the project has a positive return on investment.
- **End of Life:** Prioritizes replacing assets nearing obsolescence to avoid safety or service issues, which may become non-discretionary.
- Maintainability: Evaluates whether the project will make system maintenance easier or lower costs.
- Operability: Assesses whether the project improves system operations and flexibility or lowers operating costs.

## 2. OVERALL PLANNING PROCESS

In general, the condition of assets is determined to ensure that:

- they are safe for the public and for competent knowledgeable staff to work on using approved procedures,
- they are working within specifications,
- o within the device current and voltage capabilities,
- o with no deterioration to impair the 'normal' function of the asset, and
- o are as secure as it was when initially installed properly.

Assets are generally categorized as "Overhead vs Underground". While fulfilling its asset management responsibilities, H2000 engages in the following type of maintenance programs on each category:

#### Predictive maintenance

- Inspections address risk management by actively assessing the condition of the plant visually. Inspections are required to meet regulatory requirements and are performed on a rotation—one-third of the system each year.
- Testing addresses risk management by actively assessing condition of plant. It is more detailed and more focused than inspection and typically involves the measurement of some aspect of the asset. This is done on an interval basis determined by the rate of deterioration of the asset.

#### Preventative maintenance

Maintenance activities to extend the trouble-free operation of assets, making the
activity economical and reliable, are performed on a cyclical basis and usually
coincide with the inspection cycle.

#### Condition-based or reactive maintenance

 Corrective action and follow-up activities are necessary when a plant malfunctions or is out of specification. Occasionally, replacement is the most cost-effective way to remedy the situation.

H2000 completes inspections as prescribed in the DSC, and in a manner and frequency that addresses public safety and cost efficiency. Predefined geographical areas are designated for inspection based on a three-year cycle.

After the inspections are completed, deficiency reports are returned, processed and converted into a form to document follow-up and ensure completion within a reasonable period.

The information is retained and available for review or verification if needed.

#### 2.1. Overhead Assets - Predictive Maintenance

Assets must meet the requirements of the DSC, Ontario Regulation 22/04 and the relevant environmental standards such as the regulations addressing the use, storage and handling of PCBs.

The Minimum Inspection Requirements (Appendix 'C' of the OEB's DSC) details the inspection standards and cycles required within the Code.

H2000's supply area is served by an urban distribution system supplying the Town of Alfred and Plantagenet. Systematic and routine visual patrols are conducted to comply with the OEB inspection requirements (at a minimum). H2000 inspects the overhead distribution system in each inspection zone, every three year, as per DSC's 'Minimum Inspection Requirements. The visual inspections of the major distribution facilities meet the level of detail for the patrol inspection definition in the DSC.

The overhead area uses a street map since the plant is visible when inspecting. The process identifies what to inspect, how to record deficiencies, document what needs to be corrected, and when the inspection is completed.

There are separate databases containing the information of transformers and switches with pertinent device information such as nameplate data and device characteristics, and location.

The visual patrol inspects and assesses the condition of overhead assets, including wood poles and their supports and attachments and pole-mount distribution transformers. Historically, the line patrol would only produce a Line Inspection Deficiency Report highlighting deficiencies. Today, H2000 uses a line inspection record to document the completion/date of inspection, the name of the inspector; when a defect is identified during the inspection, the equipment, location and condition details are listed. Follow-up maintenance is prioritized and scheduled, and a line advice notice is issued to a crew to correct defects.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the DSC, the inspections allow for deficiencies and the general condition of system components and related peripheral equipment and hardware, to be realized and documented with sufficient lead time and for subsequent analysis in support of maintenance and capital planning activities.

During the visual inspections, the conductors are inspected for obvious signs of deterioration. Concerns are noted on the inspection sheets and followed up. The condition of overhead system assets is also inspected during preventative maintenance activities, mainly as a result of vegetation management.

Inspections of pole-mounted transformers, switches and vegetation growth are also completed as part of the cyclical visual patrol of the overhead distribution system. Deficiencies related to the transformers, switches and excess vegetation are noted on the Line Inspection Record and addressed through reactive maintenance programs. Overhead fused switches or cutouts are inspected as per DSC requirements and are also inspected when they are operated manually or after they operate automatically. Damaged cutouts are replaced. Overhead transformers are inspected visually, and problems are corrected. The strategy for this asset class is to replace based on asset condition. Service connections trigger a review of transformer loading and sizing, and units are upgraded and/or replaced.

#### 2.2. Overhead Assets - Preventative Maintenance

## 2.2.1. Vegetation Management

Vegetation management, or tree trimming, is a preventative maintenance program scheduled annually and completed each year by contractors.

H2000 collaborates with Sproule Power Line (SPL) for its tree trimming and vegetation management efforts. Each year in February, SPL performs an annual inspection to assess the condition of vegetation around power lines and infrastructure. Working within a \$5,000 budget, SPL prioritizes the areas that require the most urgent attention to ensure safety and system reliability.

If clients raise concerns about vegetation on their property, H2000 arranges for SPL to provide an estimate for addressing the vegetation, allowing clients to decide if they want to proceed with trimming or removal at their own expense. This approach balances H2000's system maintenance needs with customer preferences and responsibility for personal vegetation management.

## 2.2.2.Line Patrol (3rd party)

Line patrolling, performed by staff. It allows H2000 to identify problem areas and turn unplanned outages into shorter planned outages or eliminate the outage completely. This is reflected in both H2000 system reliability statistics and in the customer survey responses and feedback.

The service area's size and the repetitive attention to localized areas in daily activities ensure that minor issues are addressed before they escalate into larger problems. This proactive approach has yielded a multitude of information regarding system conditions that can be utilized in system planning to enable staff to proactively and predictively resolve system issues before they escalate into problems. H2000 observes that third-party contractors are averse to after-hours issue calls and endeavor to prevent unforeseen circumstances whenever possible.

#### 2.3. Overhead Assets - Condition-based Maintenance

## 2.3.1. Following pole inspections and line inspections

A 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor inspects and reports on poles requiring attention. These reports are prioritized based on safety and risk for subsequent repair actions. Repair activities are tracked, documented, and signed off upon completion in accordance with ESA regulations. The tables below present a sample of the testing conducted regularly by a third-party contractor, which is then conveyed to the General Manager of H2000 to facilitate the replacement planning.

## 2.3.2. Following vegetation management

As part of the regular maintenance plan for the pole line assets, H2000 schedules regular tree-trimming activities, as described below:

Vegetation and Right of Way control is required under the Minimum Inspection Requirements of the Distribution System Code and good utility practice. H2000 has a relatively heavy mature tree cover where overhead hydro lines are in proximity to trees. Tree contact with energized lines can cause the following:

- o Interruption of power due to short circuit to ground or between phases.
- Damage to conductors, hardware and poles
- Danger to persons and property within the vicinity due to falling conductors, hardware, poles and trees.
- Danger of electric shock potential from electricity energizing vegetation

Care must be taken to balance the requirements of customers and stakeholders and safe and reliable operation of the distribution system.

Tree Trimming inspections have been incorporated into the other inspection programs included in this plan and additional verification will be performed by work crews in the area in which regular work is performed.

Depending on the size, shape and growth pattern of each tree species, the tree trimmers remove sufficient material from the tree to limit the possibility of contact during high wind situations. This work is carried out by H2000 contractors based on cost and availability of resources.

All debris is removed, and the site is returned to as-found condition. Any pole line damage or anomaly noticed by the tree trimming crew is reported to H2000's General Manager for remedial action.

## 2.4. Underground Assets - Predictive Maintenance

## 2.4.1. Underground Inspections

Similar to the general overhead process of inspection and condition assessment, the underground distribution system is also inspected on a cyclical basis to assess the condition of underground assets including pad-mount transformers, transformers, underground switches, transformer vaults and civil structures. The buried assets cannot be totally inspected visually like the overhead assets, but care is taken to inspect all assets that can be seen to assess their condition. The Line Inspection Record documents the inspection completion, date of inspection and the inspector. The equipment, location and condition details of defects identified are documented in the Report the defect(s). Data from inspection activities are compiled and used for reporting.

## 2.4.2. Underground Distribution Transformers

Inspections of pad-mount transformers occur within the visual patrol of the underground distribution system and are therefore inspected on a cycle. Approximately one-third of the transformers within H2000's distribution system are inspected on an annual basis. Enclosures are opened to allow a visual check of the condition of the plant. The Line Inspection Record is used to document deficiencies such as broken bushings, oil leaks or paint chips, and condition of the concrete base—bases with cracks or deteriorated are identified for replacement.

## 2.4.3. Underground System Switchgear

Inspections of pad-mounted switches occur as part of the visual patrol of the underground distribution system and on a cycle. Approximately one-third of the switches within H2000's distribution system are inspected on an regular basis. Inspection includes opening the enclosures so a visual check can be made of the condition of the plant. Deficiencies such as broken bushings, oil leaks or paint chips, among others, are noted on the Line Inspection Record.

## 2.4.4. Underground Cable

The underground primary cable has not failed in H2000's system. Cable terminations are inspected visually in switching units and in transformers. Unless specific issues are identified, they run to failure.

Underground secondary cable terminations are visually inspected at the transformer when the transformer inspection is carried out. Unless specific issues are identified, they run to failure.

## 2.5. Underground Assets - Condition-based Maintenance

H2000 uses the inspection form for items that are discovered in inspections. The inspection form identified defect is classified as needing attention immediately or in a less time critical manner. Reports are completed and recorded in the database. The work is dispatched to the appropriate crew(s) and the work is completed. Once the work is completed appropriate signoffs are made to ensure the distribution system is safe for the public and staff and that the system is restored to proper working order. The signed off reports are logged in the electronic database and the paper copy signed off is retained by year and report number.

## 2.6. Asset Lifecycle Optimization and Practices

H2000 owns all the distribution assets within its service area. H2000 is responsible for the management of all its distribution assets.

The asset register for field assets consists of a spreadsheet for each asset type. This allows the capture of data that is adequate for H2000 to manage its assets. Asset data was gathered and input from a multitude of sources including construction as built records and legacy records. As the asset is visited through planned inspections or maintenance, the asset data is verified or corrected. The information in the spreadsheet, such as location, asset ratings or specifics of the asset, and installation date describes the asset.

The asset register is intended to hold asset attribute information as well as historical financial information over each asset's lifecycle. Currently, the spreadsheet holds locational data, attribute data and historical non-financial information (i.e. inspection history, tests, etc.). It is the intent of H2000, over time, to continue to populate the spreadsheets with additional non-financial and historic financial data as appropriate and useful.

H2000 maintains the efficiency and reliability of its distribution system through an active inspection, maintenance and asset management program that focuses on customer service, employee safety and cost-effective maintenance, refurbishment and replacement of assets that can no longer meet acceptable utility standards.

#### 2.7. Asset Life

H2000 has adopted depreciation rates based on the Kinectrics Asset Depreciation Study. The utility is not proposing any changes to the depreciation rates for any assets.

## 3. ASSETS MANAGED, MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING PROCESS

## 3.1. Transformers

H2000 has 15 single phase and 1 three phases Utility owned Pad-Mounted Transformers.

**Table 3 - Pad Mounted Transformer Data** 

Manufactured	1 Phase Pad Mount Quantity of active transformer
2019-2024	
2014-2018	
2009-2013	0
2004-2008	2
1999-2003	
1994-1998	0
1989-1993	9
1984-1988	0

H2000 has 138 single-phase Pole-Mounted Transformers and 51 three-phase Pole-Mounted

**Table 4 - Pole Mounted Transformer Data** 

Manufactured	1 Phase Pole Mount Quantity of active transformer
2019-2024	41
2014-2018	6
2009-2013	2
2004-2008	2
1999-2003	5
1994-1998	3
1989-1993	8
1984-1988	7
1979-1983	23
1974-1978	19
1969-1973	15
1964-1968	6
older	1

#### 3.1.1. Transformers Maintenance:

The inspection of transformers includes:

#### Pole Mounted:

- Paint condition and corrosion
- Leaking oil
- Flashed or cracked insulators.
- Contamination/discoloration of bushings
- Ground lead attachments
- Damaged disconnect switches or lightning arresters.
- Ground wire on arresters unattached

#### Pad Mounted:

- Paint condition and corrosion
- Placement on pad or vault
- Leaking oil
- Lid Damage, missing bolts, cabinet damage
- Cable connections
- Ground connections

H2000 performs maintenance on any transformers which are identified by either visual or infrared inspection as needing work. This work may include replacement of connections if found to be hot, painting or replacement of unit if leaking.

### 3.1.1. Transformers Maintenance with BCP:

Under PCB Regulations SOR (2008-273) Current transformers, potential transformers, circuit breakers, reclosers and bushings that are located at an electrical generation, transmission or distribution facility containing PCBs in a concentration of 500 mg/kg or more and was in use on September 5, 2008, has end-of-use deadline of December 31, 2025.

H2000 has tested all transformers older than 1984 and identified potential PCB hazard. At this time, H2000 has no more transformer on its territory with PCB greater than 500 mg/kg. H2000 is proceeding to replace all transformers on priority of PCB presence although <500 mg/kg.

#### 3.2. Conductor

Line patrols are conducted annually in accordance with the H2000 Procedures. The line patrols include a visual inspection of the following:

#### **Conductors and Cables**

- Broken/frayed conductors or tie wires
- Exposed broken ground conductors
- o Broken strands, bird caging, and excessive or inadequate sag

#### Hardware and Attachments

- missing or damaged hardware
- damaged Insulators
- Conductor unattached from insulators
- Ground wire broken or removed
- o Ground wire guards removed or broken

#### General Conditions, Vegetation and Right of Way

- Leaning or broken
- o Growth into line
- Accessibility
- Vines or bush growth interference
- Grade changes that could expose cable.
- Excessive vegetation on right of way

## 3.3. Poles

H2000 currently has approximately 709 poles across its service area. Poles regularly undergo visual inspection during periodic line patrol inspections. This condition assessment is correlated with risk parameters based on the location and use of the pole to determine which poles require replacement in a year. Also, when the pole is within five years of its financial depreciation it is tested to determine its condition. H2000 has purchased a pole testing device to have more scientific factual data on which to base its replacement decision. If a pole test indicates it is in good condition it is retested in another five years.

The charts below show the result of the date installed and the replacement due date expected.

Table 5 - pole listing

Year	# Poles	Expected		Year	# Poles	Expected		
Installed 1945	2	Due Date 1990		Installed 1978	4	Due Date 2023		
1946	1	1991		1979	6	2023		
1946	1			1979	41			
			1993			2025		
1949	1	1994		1981	1	2026		
1950	1	1995		1982	12	2027		
1951	2	1996		1983	4	2028		
1953	2	1998		1984	6	2029		
1954	3	1999		1985	30	2030		
1957	6	2002		1986	7	2031		
1958	1	2003		1987	12	2032		
1959	1	2004		1988	10	2033		
1960	10	2005	1989		7	2034		
1961	3	2006		1990 34		2035		
1962	1	2007		1991	1	2036		
1963	3	2008		1992	6	2037		
1964	2	2009		1993	8	2038		
1965	12	2010		1994	1	2039		
1966	3	2011		1995	2	2040		
1967	8	2012		1996	4	2041		
1968	1	2013		1997	2	2042		
1969	5	2014		1998	3	2043		
1970	14	2015		1999	4	2044		
1971	1	2016		2000	6	2045		
1972	1	2017		2001	11	2046		
1973	2	2018		2002	4	2047		
1974	8	2019		2003	1	2048		
1975	12	2020		2004	4	2049		
1976	20	2021		2005	4	2050		
1977	6	2022		2006	3	2051		
2007	5	2052		2018	4	2063		

2008	8	2053	2019	1	2064
2009	1	2054	2020	1	2065
2011	3	2055	2021	4	2066
2012	3	2057	2022	8	2067
2014	5	2058	2023	3	2068
2015	2	2059			

#### 3.3.1. Poles Maintenance

Scheduled visual inspections of H2000 poles are conducted on a three-year cycle satisfying the inspection requirements of the DSC. The condition-based assessment allows H2000 to monitor and identify defects such as the integrity of the pole, concerning the condition of the pole, supports and attachments including conductor, cross arms, guys and guy guards, cable dips, etc. Defects and concerns are identified in the Line Inspection Record and detailed further through commentary on the Report.

## 3.3.2. Poles Planning

Poles are tested every five (5) years. H2000 uses a pole testing machine. When reports are delivered H2000 submits a service order to replace the existing pole. On average, H2000 plans on changing five to seven poles yearly based on the condition report.

#### 3.4. Meters

H2000 owns and maintains approximately 1280 active meters on its customers' premises for the purpose of measuring energy consumption of electricity for billing purposes. Meters vary in type by customer and include meters capable of measuring kWh consumption, kW demand and kVA, as well as hourly interval data. H2000 invoices its customers monthly, on a calendar billing cycle.

#### **Retail Metering**

H2000 uses Elster-Honeywell meters across its service territory and has contractual agreements with:

- Utilismart (ODS) which involves the validation, estimation and editing (VEE) of metered data.
- UtiliSmart as the LDC's appointed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Operator and.
- UtiliSmart for settlement services and web presentment of Wholesale, Retail, Embedded Generation interval data.

#### **Smart Meters**

All Smart metered interval data (Residential and General Service <50kW customers) is provided to the Meter Data Management and Repository (MDM/R) who process, store and manage the data. The MDM/R metered data is shared with the LDC who, with support from Utilismart, validates the interval usage and ensures completeness of data.

In 2019-2020, H2000 sampled a population of Smart Meters for accuracy in accordance with Measurement Canada requirements due to the meters approaching a seal life of 10 years. The results from the sampling were good, meaning the Smart meters were sealed for use for a further 7 years. Every year thereafter, when a meter is 10 years of age, it is test and reseal for another 7 years.

#### MicroFIT/FIT

MicroFIT/FIT interval metered data follows the same routine process as Smart meters, with the exception that the data is not sent to or stored in the MDM/R.

#### **Over 50kW Meters**

General Service 50-999kW (GS50-999kW) interval metered data and meter readings are transmitted by telecommunications each night. Each meter is dialed, and the data is downloaded into MV90 and shared with Utilismart.

#### **MIST Meter**

All of H2000's GS 50-4999 Meters are MIST meters as of 2021.

#### **Meter Capital**

H2000 has included the following its' 2022-2029 capital investment program:

	2024	2025		2026		2026		2026		2026		2027	2028	2029
Smart Meter	\$ 7,635.68	\$ 8,810.40	\$	8,810.40	\$	8,810.40	\$ 8,810.40	\$ 8,810.40						
Commercial SM	\$ 3,018.01	\$ 3,168.01	\$	3,168.01	\$	3,168.01	\$ 3,168.01	\$ 3,168.01						
Gate Keepers	\$11,375.00													
	\$22,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00						

#### 3.4.1. Meters Maintenance

All maintenance activities related to meters follow the requirements of Measurement Canada guidelines.

Honeywell is transitioning from A3 to A4 technology, introducing meters equipped with internal antennas. However, H2000 prefers meters with external antennas due to their enhanced communication capabilities, which mitigate communication issues with H2000's Gate Keepers. As a result, H2000 intends to wait until 2025 to procure the new technology featuring external antennas.

Regarding the 600V meters, which are overdue, these are essential for older three-phase services. H2000 understand that Honeywell plans to produce this type of meter by 2028.

# 4. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

This section captures the results of H2000's annual reliability performance, whose purpose is to maintain activities and assist in establishing priorities for capital investments while mindful of its ability to meet all the customer's needs in a sustainable manner.

H2000 has a small service territory and, as such, does not have the workload to sustain a complement of staff to provide all the functions of the utility in-house. It acquires the services it needs on a contract basis. As a result, engineering studies are contracted out, as are the system construction, maintenance, emergency trouble-calls, and responses and billing. The overall management, purchasing, finance functions, and customer service are maintained inhouse.

This approach works well for H2000 from a cost management and timing perspective for the physical work and the timely financial billing or project costing. Project work is contracted on a fixed price basis. Maintenance and repair work is based on unit prices negotiated in advance and authorized before the work is started except in the case of emergency work after hours. This approach also means that H2000 does not incur fixed or ongoing costs for engineering work or power system work unless work is done. The work is defined, and the costs are included. In this way, cost efficiency and work performance are kept high.

The cost of electricity is an essential matter for H2000s customers. In their 2023 Customer Survey the response to the question, "To what extent, if any, is the cost of Electrical service a strain on your household budget?" was that 86.37% of those surveyed responded with either "A great deal" or "Relatively." Hence, the cost is of importance to H2000 customers. Most of the general comments were also with respect to the cost of electricity.

This indicates that H2000's efforts in controlling its rates align with its customer's needs.

**Service Quality** Indicator OEB 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 **Minimum** Standard 90.0% 100 100 100 90 100 1. Connection of New Services - Low Voltage (LV) 90.0% 0 0 0 0 2. Connection of New Services - High Voltage (HV) 3. Appointment Scheduling 65.0% 100 0 100 100 100 4. Appointments Met \* 90.0% 100 0 100 100 100 0 5. Rescheduling a Missed Appointment 80.0% 0 0 0 0 100 80.0% 99.74 99.88 93.06 97.53 6.Telephone Accessibility \* 7. Telephone Call Abandon Rate 80.0% 0.26 0.12 6.94 2.47 10.0% 100 100 100 8. Written Responses to Enquiries 100 100 90.0% 100 100 0 100 0 9. Emergency Response Urban 100.0% 0 0 0 10. Emergency Response Rural 0 0 85.0% 100 100 100 100 100 11. Reconnection Performance Standard 12. Micro-embedded Generation Facilities 90.0% 0 0 0 0 100

Table 6 – Service Reliability and Quality Indicators

## 5. RELIABILITY INDICES

Guidance provided by the OEB in the recently published Report of the Board: Electricity Distribution System Reliability Measures and Expectations (EB-2014-0189), indicates that it would like to use the average or arithmetic mean of the previous five years (or historical period) of data to establish performance expectations for the forecast period. Specifically, the OEB referred to SAIDI and SAIFI as the two reliability indicators that would benefit from using targeted goals.

H2000 records and reports annually the following Service Reliability Indices:

SAIDI = System Average Interruption Duration Index = <u>Total Customer-Hours of Interruptions</u>
Total Customers Served

SAIFI = System Average Interruption Frequency Index = = <u>Total Customer Interruptions</u> Total Customers Served

H2000 uses the above reliability indexes to gauge the system reliability performance and maintain a tight control over their capital and maintenance spending. The Maintenance Program is primarily condition based. The maintenance component addresses statutory requirements such as inspection per the DSC, as well as prudent "testing" of the plant to help identify end of life conditions for poles.

H2000 collects a variety of statistics and analyzes the data to assess system performance and to act as inputs to its asset management program and capital prioritization processes. The data is also used as a tool to improve restoration time and drive/support policy.

H2000 records the power outage start time as the time the LDC received communication from a customer or dispatch reporting the interruption.

The OEB expects a utility to keep its hours of interruption within the range of its 5-year historical performance average.

Table 7 - Reliability Indicators

System Reliability Indicators	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	AVG
Total Outages						
SAIDI Avg. outage duration (hours)	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
SAIFI Avg. outage frequency (interruptions / customer)	1.69	0.09	1.63	0.09	2.59	1.22
Loss of Supply Adjusted						
SAIDI Avg. outage duration (hours)	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
SAIFI Avg. outage frequency (interruptions / customer)	1.1	0.09	0.02	0.43	0.23	0.37
Loss of Supply and Major Events Adjusted						
SAIDI Avg. outage duration (hours)	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
SAIFI Avg. outage frequency (interruptions / customer)	1.69	0.09	1.63	0.043	2.59	1.21

### **Total Outages**

- **SAIDI (Outage Duration)**: The average outage duration is 0.02 hours (1.2 minutes). Each year stays close to this, with 2023 slightly higher at 0.03 hours.
- **SAIFI (Outage Frequency)**: The average is 1.22 interruptions per customer, but 2023 saw a big increase to 2.59 interruptions, which is much higher than previous years and the average.

## Loss of Supply Adjusted

- **SAIDI**: The average duration is 0.02 hours, and every year is consistent with this, including 2023.
- **SAIFI**: The average is 0.37 interruptions per customer. In 2023, the frequency dropped to 0.23, which is below average.

Loss of Supply and Major Events Adjusted

- **SAIDI**: The average duration is 0.02 hours. Each year is very close to this, showing steady performance.
- **SAIFI**: The average is 1.21 interruptions per customer, but 2023 jumps to 2.59, well above the average.

## 5.1.1. Cause Codes for Power Interruptions

Outages are categorized by cause codes; the number of customers affected, and the duration of a given outage are collected and reported. As H2000 continues with its capital replacement and infrastructure renewal programs, the number of outages due to equipment and vegetation has been continued to be low. H2000 believes that by continuing its steady improvements to the system, the reduced outages trend will continue.

The table below summarizes all causes of power interruptions non-adjusted experienced by H2000 customers for the period 2019 to 2023:

Month # Of # # Of # # Interruption Customer Customers Interruption Customer Customers / As a result Interruption Hours / As a result Interruption Hours of the cause of the cause interruption interruption January February March April May June July August September October November December 

Table 8 - Interruptions (2019-2023)

Table 9 - Interruptions (2019-2023) (Cont'd)

	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023
Month	# Interruption / As a result of the cause interruption	# Of Customer Interruption	# Customers Hours	# Interruption / As a result of the cause interruption	# Of Customer Interruption	# Customers Hours	# Interruption / As a result of the cause interruption	# Of Customer Interruption	# Customers Hours
January	2	4	12	2	24	1	1	1247	6
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	74	8
April	0	0	0	2	35	4	2	1760	12
May	1	1	1	2	1210	96	3	83	5
June	1	1	2	1	24	2	4	74	1
July	3	174	5	0	0	0	3	35	1
August	1	1240	2	1	15	1	0	0	0
September	3	17	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	2
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1
December	1	1240	5	2	546	6	0	0	0

Table 10 – Interruptions Cause Code (2019-2023)

		2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022	2023	2023
Cause #	Name of Cause	Total Custo mers Affecte d	Total Custo mer Hours								
1	Scheduled Outage	38	11.75	85	44.83	21	9.00	70	8.00	169	5.00
2	Loss of Supply	725	4.00	-	_	2,650	9.50	1,716	95.00	3,007	18.00
3	Tree Contacts	5	3.00	-	_	-	_	24	1.00	-	-
4	Lightning	669	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-
5	Defective Equipment	1	3.00	27	5.30	6	21.00	44	5.50	128	7.00
6	Adverse Weather	633	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Adverse Environment	2	2.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Foreign Interference	6	3.00	2	2.00	-	-	-	-	1	6.00
	Major Event	0	0	0	0	0	0	1508	137	0	0
	TOTAL	2,079	29	114	52	2,677	40	1,854	110	3,305	36

**Scheduled Outages:** The number of customers affected generally increased over the years, with the highest number in 2023 (169 customers affected). However, the total customer hours for scheduled outages have remained relatively low, showing that these outages were well-managed and quickly resolved.

**Loss of Supply:** This was a significant cause of outages, particularly in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The highest number of affected customers was in 2023 (3,007), and the impact on customer hours has been consistently low (1-3 hours per year). It's important to note that Loss of Supply originates from Hydro One and is out of the control of the utility. The utility makes its best effort to communicate these outages to its customers, even though it cannot prevent or directly manage the root cause.

**Tree Contacts:** There was a notable instance in 2022 where 24 customers were affected. This was primarily due to the derecho storm that swept through the Ottawa region in 2022, an unusual weather incident that caused significant tree damage and an increase in outages. Other than that, tree contacts seem to have minimal impact in most years.

**Lightning:** Only 2019 saw a significant lightning-related outage, affecting 669 customers, but the impact has not recurred in the following years.

**Defective Equipment:** There is a gradual increase in outages caused by defective equipment, with a peak in 2023 where 128 customers were affected. Customer hours have also increased in 2023 to 4 hours.

**Adverse Weather:** This was only a factor in 2019, affecting 633 customers. It has not reappeared as a major cause since then.

**Adverse Environment:** This cause only affected a small number of customers in 2019 (2 customers) and has not been a recurring issue.

**Foreign Interference:** Foreign interference caused minimal outages, with just a couple of instances in 2020 and 2023.

**Major Event:** In 2022, a significant derecho storm hit the Ottawa region, affecting 1,508 customers and resulting in 137 customer hours lost. This unusual weather event caused a major increase in outages for that year, but it was a one-time incident that did not recur.

# 5.1.2. Major Events

H2000 reported a major event in 2022 for the Derecho storm which caused higher than usual outages and damage to the distribution system

## 6. COORDINATED PLANNING WITH THIRD PARTIES

This DSP has been prepared through a coordinated planning process with the following stakeholders:

- a) Regionally interconnected Transmitters and Distributors Hydro One.
- b) Regional and municipal governments.
- c) Telecommunication Entities.

### 6.1.1. Commercial Customers

As of the latest discussions, commercial customers within the service area are not planning any immediate, significant or material modifications within the service period.

### 6.1.2. Residential Customers

H2000 values its customers and regularly seeks feedback to ensure that their needs are met and to receive suggestions on how H2000 can improve their overall customer experience and include

- person to person communication,
- · inserts in hydro bills,
- website interaction,
- surveys.

H2000 is one of the few electric utilities that maintains a full-service customer counter, which facilitates daily interactions with consumers. To open new accounts, relocate services, pay bills, or resolve any concerns, customers may visit the office or contact H2000 via telephone, email, or fax. This direct interaction with local representatives guarantees that customer concerns are addressed with respect and urgency.

In 2020, H2000 implemented an improved, user-friendly website that was intended to be more informative and accessible. The website prioritizes strategies for energy cost reduction, conservation, and demand management. It responds to customer inquiries and concerns and offers a comprehensive overview of H2000. Customers have access to their accounts 24/7, which enables them to examine their account balances and payment histories, as well as monitor their energy consumption, which is updated nightly through smart meters. In 2024, H2000 implemented a new portal that incorporates advanced cybersecurity protocols to improve security. Silverblaze was also implemented in 2024.

In 2023, H2000 conducted an Electrical Safety Awareness Survey and a Customer Satisfaction Survey. A response rate of approximately 3% from the community was attained by H2000 in its most recent survey. H2000 acknowledges that consumers prioritize tangible outcomes over communication endeavors. Customer survey fatigue is the reason for the decreasing survey response rates, according to the utility. For that reason, H2000 reduced the number of questions from 30+ to 10 questions. The survey addressed a wide range of topics, such as the financial impact of billing, conservation efforts, service levels, and consumer satisfaction. The survey comprised questionnaires that were distinct for consumers who were either French or English speakers. The findings suggested a satisfaction rate of 94%.

## 6.1.3. Hydro One

H2000 is an embedded utility in HONI and receives its supply from a distribution station at Peat Moss Road in Alfred and a distribution station at County Road #9 in Plantagenet. Both DS's are fed from the feeder M26 from Longueuil TS.

H2000 distributes electricity to the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet at a primary distribution voltage of 8.32 kV. H2000 does not host any utilities.

To date there have been no constraints identified by HONI regarding any of the feeders that service and supply H2000. H2000 coordinates with the IESO and HONI. There are no new requirements requested by H2000 since their load has decreased in the past year.

H2000 does not have a SCADA system or other smart grid capability currently. They do not expect to install such devices or capability in the foreseeable future.

Operations coordination between H2000 and HONI happens when necessary. HONI identifies planned outages and switching plans. HONI also supplies a weekly Ontario Grid Control Centre update to inform customers of significant events associated with its transmission and distribution systems.

## 6.1.4. Municipal Government

H2000 maintains a close relationship with the Town of Alfred and Plantagenet. Discussions include planned activities that can affect budgets, and scheduling and coordination on a per project basis and during construction season.

The town is mature and stable with respect to growth and development. Residential and Commercial and Industrial growth is minimal.

### 6.1.5. Telecommunication Entities.

H2000 has three telecommunications entities that operate in its service territory, Bell Communications, IGS Hawkesbury and Eastlink. Furthermore, Bell has installed fiber across H2000's service territory, and to the best of H2000's knowledge, Rogers is scheduled to install Broadband following the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program Based on the above information, H2000 has not included any capital investment expenditure for "Broadband Expansion" telecommunications entities and has no specific requests from the two telecommunications entities.

# 6.1.6. Integrated Regional Resource Planning

H2000 has not been part of any Regional Resource Planning group due to its small size and relation with HONI.

Comment Letter from IESO Regarding REG Investments:

H2000's REG investment plan was forwarded to the IESO. IESO's response is as follows:

"The IESO notes that H2000 is not proposing any capital investments for constraint mitigation, or for capacity upgrades to facilitate the connection of renewable energy generation. In the case where a distributor has no REG investments during the 5-year Distribution System Plan (DSP) period, no letter from the IESO is required, as the requirement is for when there are investments."

H2000 has had no capital costs related to the connection of REG projects. There have been only five micro-FIT projects for a total of 48.39kW of solar generation connected.

# 7. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN

# 7.1. Comparison of Planned Expenditures versus Historical

The charts below illustrate how much H2000 spent (Actuals) on System Access over the historic period of 2020-2024 compared to the LDC's forecasted Capex plan for this investment category:

# **System Access**

Table 11 - System Access - Historic Actuals versus Planned Capex

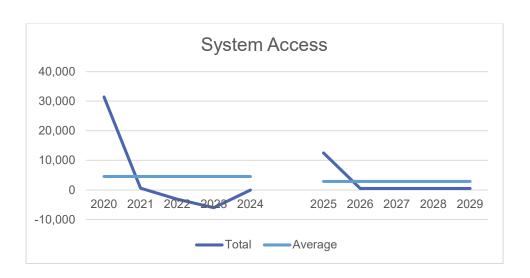


Table 12 - System Access - Historic Actuals versus Planned - Net Capex

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
System Access	32,254	615	3,982	5,264	15,500
Capital Contributions	-789		-7,130	-11,237	-15,545
Total	31,465	615	-3,148	-5,973	-45
Average	4,583				

Category	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
System Access	17,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Capital Contributions	-5000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000
Total	12,500	500	500	500	500
Average	2,900				

# **System Renewal**

The chart below illustrates how much H2000 spent (Actuals) on System Renewal over the historic period of 2020-2024 compared to the LDC's forecasted Capex plan for this investment category:

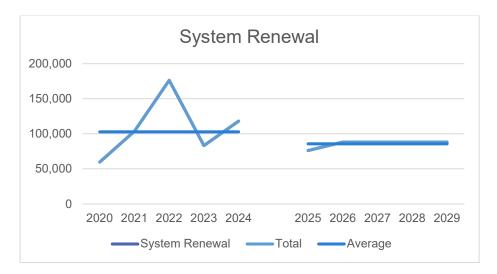


Table 13 - System Renewal - Historic Actuals versus Planned Capex

The table below illustrates H2000's Net Capital Expenditures, both historically and for the proposed planning period. As per previous years,

Table 14 - System Renewal - Historic Actuals versus Planned - Net Capex

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
System Renewal	59,681	103,793	176,237	83,114	118,100
Total	59,681	103,793	176,237	83,114	118,100
Average	102,838				

Category	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
System Renewal	76,100	88,100	88,100	88,100	88,100
Total	76,100	88,100	88,100	88,100	88,100
Average	85,700				

### **General Plant**

The chart below illustrates how much H2000 spent (Actuals) on General Plant over the historic period of 2020-2024 compared to the LDC's forecasted Capex plan for this investment category:

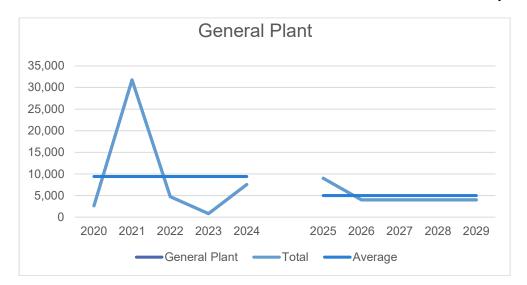


Table 15 - General Plant - Historic Actuals versus Planned - Gross Capex

Except for 2021 where H2000 invested 35K in the CIS system, The remaining trend for General Plan expenditures indicates a marginal increase compared to the previous average. This upward trend is primarily attributed to the changes in economic conditions and operational requirements that emerged in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. The above chart includes capital contributions

Table 16 - General Plant - Historic Actuals versus Planned - Net Capex

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Plant	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	7,560
Total	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	7,560
Average	9,418				

Category	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
General Plant	9,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total	9,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4000
Average	5,000				

# 7.2. Capital Expenditure Summary

The table below illustrates the programs included in H2000's planned 5-year capital investment forecast as programs:

H2000's capital expenditures by OEB investment category are:

Table 17 - OEB Categorization: Capex Plan 2020 to 2025 (App 2-AB)

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
System Access	32,254	615	3,982	5,264	15,500	17,500
Capital Contributions	-789		-7,130	-11,237	-15,545	-5000
Planned 2020DSP	37290	5000	5000	5000	5000	
System Renewal	59,681	103,793	176,237	83,114	118,100	76,100
Planned 2020DSP	106798	100000	100000	100000	100000	
System Service	0	0	0	0	0	
Planned 2020DSP						
General Plant	2,635	31,758	4,726	830	8,560	9,000
Planned 2020DSP	350	5500	5500	5500	5500	
Total Capex	93,781	136,166	177,815	77,971	126,615	97,600

Table 18 - Capex Plan 2020 to 2020 Actuals

Category	Description	Forecast (2020 DSP)	2020 Actuals	Variance
	All amounts are in \$			
System Access				
	New O/H and U/G services	\$37,290	\$32,254	-\$5,037
	Capital Contribution	-\$27,134	-\$789	\$26,346
	Category Total	\$10,156	\$31,465	\$21,309
System Renewal				
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$14,500	\$4,000	-\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$7,300	\$7,750	\$450
	Line Transformers	\$42,900	\$13,532	-\$29,368
	Poles & Fixtures	\$25,000	\$23,966	-\$1,034
	U/G conduit		\$0	\$0
	Meters	\$17,098	\$10,433	-\$6,665
	Category Total	\$106,798	\$59,681	-\$47,117
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System Service		40	40	•
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	Category Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
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General Plant	Lange and boundary and the Control of the Control o	Ф.Г.О.О.	00	<b>Φ</b> ΕΩΩ
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500	\$0	-\$500
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500	\$0	-\$500
	Computer Equipment	\$2,500	\$0	-\$2,500
	Software	\$0	\$2,635	\$2,635
	Category Total	\$3,500	\$2,635	-\$865
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	Total Capital	\$120,454	\$93,781	-\$26,673

Table 19 - Capex Plan 2021 to 2021 Actuals

Category	Description	Forecast (2020 DSP)	2021 Actuals	Variance
	All amounts are in \$			
System Access				
	New O/H and U/G services	\$5,000	\$615	-\$4,385
	Capital Contribution	-\$27,134	\$0	\$27,134
	Category Total	\$5,000	\$615	\$22,749
System Renewal				
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$10,500	\$0	-\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$3,300	\$3,900	\$600
	Line Transformers	\$47,900	\$79,274	\$31,374
	Poles & Fixtures	\$25,000	\$22,502	-\$2,499
	U/G conduit	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Meters	\$13,300	-\$1,883	-\$15,183
	Category Total	\$100,000	\$103,793	\$3,793
System Service				
		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Category Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Plant				
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500	\$0	-\$500
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500	\$210	-\$290
	Software	\$2,500	\$31,548	\$29,048
	Software	\$2,000	\$0	-\$2,000
	Category Total	\$5,500	\$31,758	\$26,258
	Total Capital	\$110,500	\$136,166	\$52,800

Table 20 - Capex Plan 2022 to 2022 Actuals

Category	Description	Forecast (2020 DSP)	2021 Actuals	Variance
	All amounts are in \$			
System Access				
	New O/H and U/G services	\$5,000	\$3,982	-\$1,018
			\$0	\$0
	Category Total	\$5,000	\$3,982	-\$1,018
System Renewal				
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$10,500	\$0	-\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$3,300	\$0	-\$3,300
	Line Transformers	\$47,900	\$95,124	\$47,224
	Poles & Fixtures	\$25,000	\$83,780	\$58,780
	U/G conduit	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Meters	\$13,300	-\$2,667	-\$15,967
	Capital Contribution	-\$27,134	-\$7,130	\$20,004
	Category Total	\$100,000	\$169,107	\$96,241
System Service				
			\$0	\$0
	Category Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Plant				
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500	\$2,872	\$2,372
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500	\$349	-\$151
	Computer Equipment	\$2,500	\$1,505	-\$995
	Software	\$2,000	\$0	-\$2,000
	Category Total	\$5,500	\$4,726	-\$774
	Total Capital	\$110,500	\$187,613	\$94,449
	Capital Contribution		-\$7,130	
	Disposal		-\$2,667	
	Total		\$177,816	

Table 21 - Capex Plan 2023 Planned to 2023 Actuals

Category	Description	Forecast (2020 DSP)	2021 Actuals	Variance
	All amounts are in \$			
System Access				
	New O/H and U/G services	\$5,000	\$5,264	\$264
	Category Total	\$5,000	\$5,264	\$264
System Renewal				
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$10,500	\$0	-\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$3,300	\$4,496	\$1,196
	Line Transformers	\$47,900	\$19,090	-\$28,811
	Poles & Fixtures	\$25,000	\$56,203	\$31,203
	U/G conduit	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Meters	\$13,300	\$3,326	-\$9,974
	Capital Contribution	-\$27,134	-\$11,237	\$15,897
	Category Total	\$100,000	\$71,877	-\$989
System Service				
			\$0	\$0
	Category Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Plant				
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500	\$0	-\$500
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500	\$830	\$330
	Computer Equipment	\$2,500	\$0	-\$2,500
	Software	\$2,000	\$0	-\$2,000
	Category Total	\$5,500	\$830	-\$4,670
	Total Capital	\$110,500	\$90,544	-\$5,395
	Capital Contribution		-\$11,237	
	Dispoal		-\$1,336	
	Total		\$77,971	

**Table 22 - Capex 2024 Projections** 

Category	Description	2024 Planned
	All amounts are in \$	
System Access		
	New O/H and U/G services	\$5,500
	Meters	\$10,000
	Capital Contribution	-\$15,545
	Category Total	-\$45
System Renewal		
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$4,600
	Line Transformers	\$36,000
	Poles & Fixtures	\$55,000
	U/G conduit	\$0
	Communicator	\$12,000
	Category Total	\$118,100
System Service		
		\$0
	Category Total	\$0
General Plant		
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500
	Computer Equipment	\$2,500
	Software	\$5,060
	Category Total	\$8,560
	Total Capital	\$142,160
	Capital Contribution	-\$15,545
	Total	\$126,615

#### **System Access**

The estimated total cost for connecting a new customer is approximately \$5,500.00. The cost of connecting a new customer includes labor involved for linemen, the price of the initial 30 meters of wire, and the cost of essential electrical accessories.

The cost of meters for new residential accounts and replacements has risen to approximately \$8,600.00, largely due to price increases and delivery issues. Most of the bulk of these meters were originally purchased in 2009, but recent challenges have made procurement more costly.

Similarly, meters for new commercial accounts, especially the 3-phase meters that are due for replacement, have also seen a price increase. These commercial meters now cost around \$1,400.00, with delivery delays adding further complications to the process. Both residential and commercial meter upgrades are affected by these rising costs and supply chain disruptions.

#### **System Renewal**

Pole Replacement: As part of its asset management program, poles are tested when they are within five years of their forecasted depreciation end of life. This proactive testing helps identify which poles need to be replaced, ensuring the reliability and safety of the infrastructure. For this project, \$30,000 was allocated specifically to pole testing in advance of the 2025 cost of service and Distribution System Plan (DSP), while the remaining \$25,000 is allocated to cover the actual pole replacement work. The total estimated cost for this initiative is \$55,000.00, reflecting the utility's commitment to maintaining and upgrading its assets in line with future service and planning requirements.

Porcelain line insulators are prone to developing cracks over time due to repeated stress, and H2000 has identified small cracks in some of its post insulators, although no failures have occurred to date. To ensure continued system reliability, H2000 has initiated a project to gradually replace these porcelain units. This proactive replacement strategy aims to prevent future outages that could become inevitable if no action is taken. A previous incident highlighted the risks when a crew was called out on a winter night, and an insulator broke upon contact by the lineman, creating a hazardous situation for the workers. The annual cost of this project is estimated at \$10,500.00, covering the phased replacement of the porcelain insulators to enhance system safety and reliability.

Transformers: H2000 is committed to maintaining and overhauling its pad-mounted transformers to prevent the costly replacement of these essential units. The utility targets three pad-mounted transformers for maintenance each year, allowing it to service all 16 transformers on a rotating schedule, ensuring each unit is maintained every five years. This proactive approach helps extend the lifespan of the transformers and prevent unexpected failures. However, the cost of manpower has increased considerably, contributing to the overall project cost, which is estimated at \$4,600.00 annually. This effort is crucial for ensuring the reliability of the underground electrical infrastructure.

Line Transformers: The price of line transformers has risen significantly, and lead times for delivery now extend to 48 months in most cases. As a result, H2000 has decided to scale back its transformer replacement program, focusing only on changing the minimal number of units necessary. This decision is based on the age of the transformers and the potential for PCB accumulation nearing the permissible threshold. By prioritizing the most critical replacements,

H2000 aims to manage costs and avoid further delays. The estimated cost for this program is \$36,000.00, reflecting the increased prices and longer delivery times while ensuring compliance and system reliability.

As meter communicators approach the end of their life, it's essential to upgrade them to ensure they meet current operational needs. H2000's existing meter communicators have been in service for 15 years and now require replacement to continue functioning efficiently. Upgrading these communicators will address the current technological demands and enhance the overall metering system. The estimated cost for replacing both communicators is \$12,000.00, which includes the purchase and installation of new, up-to-date equipment.

#### **General Plant**

H2000 has allocated a provision of \$500.00 for minor capital repairs to its building, ensuring that any necessary upkeep or small repairs can be addressed promptly. Additionally, a provision of \$2,500.00 has been set aside for the replacement of computer hardware to maintain efficient operations and a provision of \$500 for office furniture & equipment. On the software front, every time the Ontario Energy Board introduces innovations, there are associated costs to amend the Harris system to meet new requirements. This includes adapting to changes such as Customers' Choice options or enhancements to the Ontario Electricity Support Program. The estimated cost for these software adjustments is \$5,060.00 per upgrade.

Table 23 - 2025 Projections

Category	Description	2025 Planned
	All amounts are in \$	
System Access		
	New O/H and U/G services	\$5,500
	Capital Contribution	-5000
	Category Total	\$500
System Renewal		
	Overhead Conductors and devices	\$10,500
	Underground Conductors and devices	\$4,600
	Line Transformers	\$36,000
-	Poles & Fixtures	\$25,000
	U/G conduit	\$0
	Meters	\$12,000
	Capital Contribution	\$0
	Category Total	\$88,100
System Service		
		\$0
	Category Total	\$0
General Plant		
	Leasehold Improvement - Alarm System	\$500
	Office Furniture and Equipment	\$500
	Computer Equipment	\$2,500
	Computer software	\$5,500
	Category Total	\$9,000
	Total Capital	\$102,600
	Capital Contribution	-5000
		\$97,600

#### **System Access**

The estimated total cost for connecting a new customer is approximately \$5,500.00. The cost of connecting a new customer includes labor involved for linemen, the price of the initial 30 meters of wire, and the cost of essential electrical accessories.

The cost of meters for new residential accounts and replacements has risen to approximately \$10,000, largely due to price increases and delivery issues. Most of the bulk of these meters were originally purchased in 2009, but recent challenges have made procurement more costly.

Similarly, meters for new commercial accounts, especially the 3-phase meters that are due for replacement, have also seen a price increase. These commercial meters now cost around \$2,000.00, with delivery delays adding further complications to the process. Both residential and commercial meter upgrades are affected by these rising costs and supply chain disruptions.

### **System Renewal**

Pole Replacement: As part of H2000's asset management program, poles are tested within five years of reaching their expected end of life based on depreciation forecasts. This testing helps identify which poles require replacement due to their condition. This project covers the cost of replacing the identified poles, with an estimated budget of \$25,000.

Porcelain Line Insulators: Porcelain insulators tend to develop cracks over time due to repeated stress. H2000 has discovered small cracks in some of its post insulators, although no failures have occurred yet. To ensure system reliability and prevent future outages, the utility is starting a gradual replacement of these insulators. Failure to act could lead to outages and safety hazards. There was an instance where a crew responded to a winter night call, and when the lineman touched the insulator, it broke, creating a safety risk. This project has an annual budget of \$10,500.

Underground Conductors: H2000 regularly maintains and overhauls its padmount transformers to avoid the high costs associated with replacing them. The utility targets the maintenance of three padmount transformers per year. With a total of 16 transformers in the system, each unit receives maintenance every five years. Due to rising labor costs, the estimated budget for this work is \$4.600.

Line Transformers: The cost of line transformers has increased significantly, and delivery lead times have now stretched to as long as 48 months in many cases. As a result, H2000 is reducing its transformer replacement program to the bare minimum, focusing on older units and those at risk of accumulating polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) near permissible limits. The budget for this project is \$36,000.

#### **General Plant**

Building and office equipment: This is a budget provision set aside for minor capital repairs to the building and upgrading office furniture, with an allocation of \$1000.

Computer Hardware: This is a provision for replacing computer hardware, when necessary, with a budget of \$2,500.

Software: When the Ontario Energy Board introduces new innovations or requirements, there are associated costs for updating the Harris system to ensure compliance. This may include updates for features like the Customers' Choice option or enhancements to the Ontario Electricity Support Program. The budget allocated for these software updates is \$5,500.