

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.
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OEB Staff Question – 1

Ref: Application Summary, Exhibit A, Tab 4, Schedule 1, Pg. 4, Table 2

On December 10, 2024, the OEB issued a Decision and Order approving the Settlement Proposal for Wataynikaneyap Power LP's (WPLP) 2025 transmission revenue requirement.¹ WPLP's transmission connection costs are a direct flow-through cost for Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., which are funded through the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) program. WPLP's approved 2025 revenue requirement resulting from the Settlement Proposal and the updated cost of capital parameters is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary of Change in Revenue Requirement with Cost of Capital Update

	Revenue Requirement for Rates (\$000's)		
	Line to Pickle Lake	Remote Connection Lines	Total
Rate Application (2024-06-28)	44,040	134,895	178,935
Settlement Proposal & 2025 Cost of Capital Update	43,490	132,731	176,221
Change	-550	-2,164	-2,714
% Change	-1.2%	-1.6%	-1.5%

¹ EB-2024-0176, Decision and Order, issued December 10, 2024

Question(s):

- a) Please update the RRRP using the approved Settlement Proposal with the updated cost of capital parameters to reflect WPLP’s approved 2025 transmission revenue requirement.

OEB Staff Question – 2

Ref. 1: Custom Rate Generator Model, Proposed Tariff Schedule Tab

Ref. 2: EB-2022-0041, Decision and Rate Order, Schedule A

The Application section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 1 states the following:

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments, or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

This is not consistent with the wording in the Application section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 2:

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Global Adjustment and the HST.

Question(s):

- a) Please update the wording of the Application section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 1 to match the wording in Ref. 2.

OEB Staff Question – 3

Ref. 1: Custom Rate Generator Model, Proposed Tariff Schedule Tab

Ref. 2: EB-2022-0041, Decision and Rate Order, Schedule A

The Non-Payment of Account section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 1 is presented as follows:

Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment – per month	%	1.50
Late Payment – per annum	%	19.56
Reconnection – if in Community	\$	65.00

This is not consistent with the format and wording in the Non-Payment of Account section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 2:

Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment – per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection – if in Community	\$	65.00

Question(s):

- a) Please update the format and wording of the Non-Payment of Account section of the Specific Service Charges in Ref. 1 to match the format and wording in Ref. 2.

OEB Staff Question – 4

Ref. 1: Customer Rate Generator Model, Summary Sheet and Proposed Tariff Schedule

Ref. 2: OEB Letter, Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification, [November 19, 2024](#)

In Ref. 1, the Proposed Rates, Summary Sheet and Proposed Tariff Schedule tabs of the Custom Rate Generator Model report the proposed microFIT service charge as \$4.55. In Ref. 2, the OEB letter established that the microFIT service charge shall increase to \$5.00 for the 2025 rate year.

Question(s):

- a) OEB staff has updated the Customer Rate Generator Model to reflect the updated microFIT service charge of \$5.00. Please confirm the accuracy of this update and ensure that all other tabs reflect the update, as applicable.