

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.
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Response to OEB Staff Questions

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Staff Question-1

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 11 RTSR – UTRs & Sub Tx and EB-2024-0244, Letter for 2025 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates, November 1, 2024, p. 2, Appendix B

Ref 2: IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 18 Regulatory Charges, Tab 21 Bill Impacts and Time of Use (TOU) prices set by the OEB for [November 1, 2024](#)

Ref 3: IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 20 Final Tariff Schedule and Letter regarding Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification, November 19, 2024

Ref 4: IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 18 Regulatory Charges, Tab 21 Bill Impacts and Decision and Order Regulatory charges effective January 1, 2025, for the Wholesale Market Services rate and the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge, EB-2024-0282, December 10, 2024

Preamble:

Distributors must enter the applicable rates in the Rate Generator Model for the preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs), Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates, microFIT charge, TOU prices, Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER), Wholesale Market Services (WMS) and the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP). These rates must align with the most recent rates and charges issued by the OEB.

Question(s):

- a) OEB staff has updated Tab 11 RTSR – UTRs & Sub Tx UTRs. Please confirm the updates and ensure that all tabs are updated accordingly.

- b) OEB staff has updated the latest TOU prices and OER in Tab 19 Regulatory Charges and Tab 21 Final Tariff Schedule. Please confirm the updates and ensure that all tabs are updated accordingly.
- c) OEB staff has updated the microFIT charge. Please confirm the microFIT charge on Tab 20 Final Tariff Schedule of the Rate Generator Model has been updated correctly.
- d) OEB staff has updated the RRRP rate rider. Please confirm the RRRP rate on Tab 19 Regulatory Charges has been updated correctly.

Staff Question-1 Response:

- a) *SLHI confirms the RTSR – UTRs & Sub Tx UTRs are updated correctly in all tabs.*
- b) *SLHI confirms the TOU prices and OER were updated correctly in all tabs.*
- c) *SLHI confirms that the microFIT charge is updated correctly in Tab 20. Final Tariff Schedule.*
- d) *SLHI confirms that the RRRP rate rider has been correctly updated in Tab 18 Regulatory Charges.*

Staff Question-2

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

Ref 2: IRM Rate Generator Model – DVA Tabs Instructions - 2025 Rates

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

Preamble:

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

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

1. Upon implementation of the forgone revenue rate rider that is calculated from the Forgone Revenue Model, the rate rider transactions will be recorded in the same

Forgone Revenues Sub-account. This will draw down the accumulated balance of actual forgone revenues/amounts.

2. Any residual balance after the expiry of the rate riders should be requested for final disposition in a future rate application (cost of service or IRM), once the balance has been audited in accordance with normal deferral and variance account disposition practices.
3. If disposition is approved, the residual balance in the Forgone Revenues Sub-account should be disposed proportionately by customer class and the residual balance will be transferred to Account 1595.

Question(s):

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

Staff Question-2 Response:

- a) *And b) The OEB approved and amount of \$17,717 to be recovered over six months for foregone distribution revenue related to the late implementation of rates due to the COVID-19 Emergency (Final Rate Order, EB-2019-0067). The final balance as of December 31, 2021 was a credit of \$637. Given the immaterial amount, SLHI expensed this amount in 2022 and will not be requesting disposition of the balance.*