

Synergy North Corporation.
EB-2024-0055
January 23, 2025
OEB Staff Questions

Please note that Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North) is responsible for ensuring that all documents it files with the OEB, including responses to OEB staff questions and any other supporting documentation, do not include personal information as that phrase is defined in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

2-Staff-1

Update to Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) and Hydro One Sub Transmission Rates

Ref : The 2025 Rate Generator Model(RGM), Tab 11

In the above Reference, on January 21, 2025, the OEB announced the updated Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) effective January 1, 2025.¹ The OEB has also issued the final Sub -Transmission Rates.²

Question(s):

- a) Please adjust Tab 11 of the RGM as necessary to reflect the updated UTRs and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates.

SYNERGY NORTH RESPONSE:

- a) Tab 11 of the Models have been updated to reflect the UTRs announced January 21,2025, and the Sub-transmission rates from December 2024.

Transmitter	Uniform Rates and Revenue Allocators		
	Network	Line Connection	Transformation Connection
Uniform Transmission Rates (\$/kW/Month)	6.37	1.00	3.39

Hydro One Networks Inc.
TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES
Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2025
This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

		EB-2024-0032
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1592 (former Woodstock GS 50-999kW Customers only) - effective until December 31, 2025 (see Note 1)	\$/kW	(0.0392)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1592 (former Woodstock GS >1,000kW Customers only) - effective until December 31, 2025 (see Note 1)	\$/kW	(0.0438)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 1 Deferral/Variance Accounts (General) (2024) - effective until June 30, 2025 (see Notes 1 and 9)	\$/kW	0.4094
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 1 Deferral/Variance Accounts (Non-WMP) (2024) - effective until June 30, 2025 (see Notes 1 and 10)	\$/kW	0.3400
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1595 (Applicable to Hydro One legacy customers only) - effective until June 30, 2025 (see Notes 1 and 16)	\$/kW	(0.0241)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until June 30, 2025 (see Note 13)	\$/kWh	(0.0045)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until June 30, 2025 (Applicable only for Non-WMP Class B Customers)	\$/kW	(0.2481)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 1 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.5141)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 1 Deferral/Variance Accounts (Non-WMP) (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 (see Note 10) - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.8857)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 (Applicable only for Non-WMP Class B Customers) - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.0122
Retail Transmission Service Rates (see Notes 6 and 7)		
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate (see Note 4)	\$/kW	5.3280
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate (see Note 5)	\$/kW	0.6882
Retail Transmission Rate - Transformation Connection Service Rate (see Note 5)	\$/kW	3.4894

2-Staff-2

Continuity Schedule - Prescribed Interest Rates

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3

On December 11, 2024, the OEB published the Q1 2025 prescribed accounting interest rate applicable to the carrying charges of deferral, variance and construction work in progress (CWIP) accounts of natural gas utilities, electricity distributors and other rateregulated entities.

Question(s):

- a) Please update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) as necessary to reflect the Q1 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 3.64% for the Rate Generator Model.

SYNERGY NORTH RESPONSE:

- a) Tab 3 Continuity Schedule has been updated to reflect the Q1 2025 interest rate of 3.64% in both zones.

Resulting Bill Impacts:

Updating the interest rate has not resulted in a significant impact on any class in either zone, as noted in the tables below by zone, column “Sub Total B ~ \$ Change”.

Updating the UTR’s resulted in more significant increases to all classes in both zones, as in column “Sub Total C ~ \$ Change”.

THUNDER BAY ZONE														
RATE CLASSES / CATEGORIES (eg: Residential TOU, Residential Retailer)	Sub-Total									Total			Total	
	A			B			C			Total Bill			Total Bill	
	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL %	REVISED %
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	4.92	4.92	0.00	2.75	2.75	0.00	4.38	4.54	0.16	4.38	4.53	0.16	3.4%	3.6%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	12.23	12.23	0.00	6.23	6.23	0.00	10.39	10.81	0.42	10.38	10.79	0.42	3.2%	3.3%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW - Non-RPP (Other)	197.51	197.51	0.00	73.68	73.71	0.03	170.98	180.76	9.78	193.21	204.26	11.05	2.2%	2.4%
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER - Non-RPP (Other)	3,022.70	3,022.70	0.00	1,041.74	1,042.00	0.26	3,212.22	3,427.76	215.54	3,629.81	3,873.37	243.56	2.6%	2.7%
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD - RPP	2.94	2.94	0.00	1.69	1.69	0.00	2.53	2.61	0.08	2.53	2.61	0.08	3.7%	3.9%
SENTINEL LIGHTING - RPP	1.35	1.35	0.00	1.13	1.13	0.00	1.25	1.26	0.01	1.24	1.26	0.01	5.9%	6.0%
STREET LIGHTING - Non-RPP (Retailer)	9,324.47	9,324.47	0.00	8,258.84	8,258.96	0.12	8,979.62	9,052.68	73.06	10,146.97	10,229.53	82.56	10.1%	10.2%
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	4.92	4.92	0.00	4.05	4.05	0.00	4.71	4.77	0.06	4.70	4.76	0.06	6.8%	6.8%
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	4.92	4.92	0.00	0.57	0.57	0.00	3.85	4.16	0.31	3.84	4.15	0.31	1.7%	1.9%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	3.83	3.83	0.00	2.33	2.33	0.00	3.37	3.47	0.10	3.37	3.47	0.10	3.0%	3.1%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	37.43	37.43	0.00	17.93	17.93	0.00	31.45	32.80	1.35	31.42	32.77	1.35	3.2%	3.4%
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER - Non-RPP (Other)	3,471.06	3,471.06	0.00	1,462.26	1,462.56	0.30	3,966.66	4,215.36	248.70	4,482.33	4,763.36	281.03	1.9%	2.0%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW - Non-RPP (Retailer)	311.47	311.47	0.00	97.55	97.59	0.04	253.23	268.87	15.64	286.15	303.82	17.67	3.1%	3.2%

Synergy North Corporation
 Responses to OEB Staff Questions
 EB-2024-0055
 January 24, 2025

KENORA ZONE														
RATE CLASSES / CATEGORIES (eg: Residential TOU, Residential Retailer)	Sub-Total									Total			Total	
	A			B			C			Total Bill			Total Bill	
	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL \$	REVISED \$	\$ CHANGE	ORIGINAL %	REVISED %
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	6.70	6.70	0.00	4.08	\$ 4.08	0.00	5.71	5.87	0.16	5.71	5.86	0.16	4.5%	4.7%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	14.23	14.23	0.00	7.03	\$ 7.03	0.00	11.19	11.61	0.42	11.18	11.59	0.42	3.4%	3.5%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW - Non-RPP (Other)	154.76	154.76	0.00	-5.86	\$ (5.86)	0.00	95.33	105.47	10.14	107.73	119.19	11.46	1.3%	1.4%
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER - Non-RPP (Other)	108.36	108.36	0.00	108.36	\$ 108.36	0.00	108.36	108.36	0.00	122.45	122.45	0.00	3.3%	3.3%
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD - RPP	3.66	3.66	0.00	2.48	\$ 2.48	0.00	3.27	3.35	0.08	3.70	3.78	0.09	4.9%	5.0%
SENTINEL LIGHTING - RPP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.0%
STREET LIGHTING - Non-RPP (Retailer)	611.85	611.85	0.00	512.45	\$ 512.44	-0.01	571.05	576.97	5.92	645.29	651.98	6.69	10.4%	10.5%
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	6.70	6.70	0.00	5.65	\$ 5.65	0.00	6.31	6.37	0.06	6.30	6.36	0.06	9.3%	9.4%
RESIDENTIAL - RPP	6.70	6.70	0.00	1.45	\$ 1.45	0.00	4.73	5.04	0.31	4.72	5.03	0.31	2.1%	2.3%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	4.33	4.33	0.00	2.53	\$ 2.53	0.00	3.57	3.67	0.10	3.57	3.67	0.10	3.2%	3.3%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW - RPP	43.93	43.93	0.00	20.53	\$ 20.53	0.00	34.05	35.40	1.35	34.01	35.36	1.35	3.5%	3.6%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW - Non-RPP (Retailer)	234.01	234.01	0.00	-26.55	\$ (26.55)	0.00	129.13	144.73	15.60	145.92	163.54	17.63	1.5%	1.7%

Synergy North has not altered the proposed rate mitigation measure on the Street Lighting class from the original submission, page 11 of “Synergy North_2025_IRM_Rate_Application_EB-2024-0055”, submitted October 30, 2024.

Submitted Updated Models:

- SN_Responses to OEB Staff_2025_IRM_20250124
- D24-28619 KN_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model_20250124
- D24-28626 SN_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model_20250124
- D24-28631 TB_IRM-Rate-Generator-Model_20250124