

Hydro 2000 2025 Cost of Service (EB-2024-0030)

INFORMATION COMMITMENTS

General

Q1 Hydro 2000 will provide updated Chapter 2 appendices AA, AB, BA, JA, JD, 2-H and 2-K to reflect 2024 actuals to the extent the actuals are available. The parties recognize that actuals may not be available in time to meet the February 4, 2025 deadline for filing commitment responses; accordingly if delaying the response to this and other questions seeking 2024 actual numbers beyond February 4, 2025 will allow Hydro 2000 enough time to provide those actual results prior to the Settlement Conference scheduled for February 13, 2025 then the Parties support delaying the provision of such responses to as late as February 12, 2025 in order to provide Hydro 2000 with the time to provide those actual 2024 numbers.

Q1 Response: Hydro 2000 has updated all models to incorporate the most accurate 2024 actuals currently available. However, it's important to note that these newly revised 2024 balances have not been audited. Hydro 2000 also notes that it has reviewed and kept its 2025 budget as presented in the original application.

In response to Question #9, the utility provides a table presenting multiple columns and scenarios. The first four columns compare the f2024 budgets as filed to the 2024 unaudited actuals, along with their respective variances.

Capital Spending and Rate Base

Q2 In error checking Hydro 2000 stated that the following tables were updated, but the newly filed documents did not include updates; please provide the properly updated file.

Exhibit 2, DSP, Table 3, p.18 (66 of pdf)	The line states that H2000 has 15 single phase and 1 three phase pad-mounted tx The table showing tx data only shows 11 tx	The Table at page 66 has been corrected.
Exhibit 2, DSP, Table 3, p.21 (69 of pdf)	The line states that H2000 has 709 poles across its service area. The table shows that there are 419 poles.	The Table at page 69 has been corrected.

Q2 Response: Hydro 2000 confirms that its system includes only 16 single-phase pad-mounter transformers as indicated at page 18 of the DSP filed on the record 20241118. However, the table was truncated and did not show the 5 transformers from 1973-1983.

Table 1 - 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
1973-1983	5

One second issue, the DSP filed on the record 20241118 clearly shows the following information and a table totally 421 poles.

*H2000 currently has approximately **421** 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 – pole listing

Year Installed	# Poles	Expected Due Date	Year Installed	# Poles	Expected Due Date
1945	2	1990	1978	4	2023
1946	1	1991	1979	6	2024
1948	1	1993	1980	41	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	9	2032
1959	1	2004	1988	10	2033
1960	10	2005	1989	7	2034
1961	3	2006	1990	13	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	4	2011	1995	1	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	2	2065
2011	3	2055	2021	4	2066
2012	3	2057	2022	8	2067
2014	5	2058	2023	3	2068
2015	2	2059	Undefined	25	

Q3 Please describe how Hydro 2000 records and tracks pole inspection & testing results. Please provide a copy of any such records. Please provide similar information for transformers and pad mounted switch gear.

H2000 implements a structured approach to pole inspection and testing to ensure safety, reliability, and compliance with industry standards.

1. Annual Visual Inspections

All poles are visually inspected annually to identify visible signs of wear, damage, or structural issues. These inspections are conducted systematically, with records maintained in H2000's asset management database to track historical observations and trends.

2. Five-Year Detailed Testing

H2000 contracts its subtrade partner, Sproule Powerline, to perform detailed testing of each pole on a five-year rotation. The testing is conducted using calibrated and serviced IML-RESI-PD series pole testing equipment, ensuring precision and reliability. This advanced equipment allows for an accurate assessment of pole integrity, including detecting internal decay or structural weaknesses that may not be visible externally.

3. Data Recording and Tracking

- Results from both visual inspections and five-year testing are logged into H2000's excel asset management workbook.
- Historical data from this system enables proactive decision-making and budget forecasting for pole maintenance and replacement.

This structured approach ensures H2000 maintains the integrity of its infrastructure, mitigates risks, and aligns with safety regulations.

Similarly for transformers and pad mounted switch gear.

- Transformer and Pad-Mounted Switchgear Inspection and Tracking
- H2000 has established comprehensive procedures to manage and maintain transformers and pad-mounted switchgear, ensuring compliance with federal regulations and operational reliability.
- Inspection and Testing: Historical Testing for PCB Compliance: In response to federal regulation SOR/2008-273-PCB, all transformers manufactured before 1985 were tested in December 2021 and March 2022. This initiative was undertaken to identify and prioritize the replacement of units with PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) concentrations exceeding 50 mg/kg. Transformers identified with elevated PCB levels were marked for prioritized replacement to align with regulatory requirements and environmental safety standards.
- Annual Visual Inspections: All transformers undergo annual visual inspections to monitor signs of wear, damage, or other safety concerns
- Replacement Prioritization: Transformers are replaced based on the following criteria:
 - PCB Content: Priority is given to units with PCB concentrations above regulatory thresholds.
 - Deterioration: Units showing physical degradation or signs of failure are prioritized.
 - Safety Concerns: Transformers posing risks to public or operational safety are replaced immediately.
 - Pad-Mounted Transformers: Pad-mounted transformers are inspected at a rate of three per year. Units are evaluated for functionality, safety, and compliance, and upgraded as necessary based on inspection results.
 - Data Recording and Tracking: All inspection and testing results, including PCB testing, are logged into H2000's Excel asset management workbook.
 - The workbook tracks detailed historical data, including concentration levels.
 - Maintenance and replacement. This process ensures proactive management of assets, compliance with regulations, and efficient budget allocation for transformer and switchgear maintenance and upgrades.

Please find appended to these responses, the pole testing results which were completed in 2024 in advance of the Cost of Service application.

Q4 Please explain the pattern of meter costs from 2020 to 2025 and then during the IRM period from 2026 to 2029.

Q4 Response:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Additions	\$12,024	\$2,129	\$	\$4,662	\$9,235	\$12,000
Disposal	-\$1,590	-\$4,012	-\$2,667	-\$1,336	0	0

In 2019, Hydro 2000 procured 50 additional meters to support a major testing and resealing initiative. Some of these meters were delayed due to production issues and were not received and invoiced until February 2020. The initiative involved testing and resealing 135 residential meters, which was carried out in three batches. The newly purchased meters were used as temporary replacements for those sent for testing, while the resealed meters were set aside for routine replacements due to wear and tear in subsequent years.

In 2023, Hydro 2000 placed an order for 40 meters to meet ongoing needs. However, supply chain disruptions delayed delivery, postponing the arrival of these meters to March 2024. During this period, the meter shortage led to the temporary use of Unmetered Scattered Load (USL) connections for new residential services.

By 2024, most of the delayed meters had been received and invoiced. To be proactive, Hydro 2000 also purchased four additional residential meters for testing purposes. Later in the year, another order for 40 residential meters, valued at \$6,747, was placed with delivery scheduled for 2025. Once testing of the new A4 residential meters is completed, Hydro 2000 plans on placing additional orders to accelerate the replacement of older meters installed in 2009.

For 2025, Hydro 2000 has the 2024-meter order of \$6,747 pending receipt. Additional orders are expected as soon as the A4 meter testing is complete. Meter procurement has become a continuous process, with orders often spanning multiple fiscal periods due to ongoing availability challenges. Orders placed in one year are frequently received and billed in the next, contributing to discrepancies in financial records.

Q5 Please explain the atypical, capitalized computer software costs in 2024 and 2025 of \$5,060 and \$5,500 respectively, relative to other years. (Appendix 2A, line 51).

Q5 Response: The capitalized computer software costs in 2024 and 2025, totaling \$5,060 and \$5,500 respectively, are slightly higher than usual because they reflect specific upgrades driven by regulatory changes from the OEB/MoE.

As explained in the DSP, in 2024, the \$5,060 cost is related to updates to the Harris system, which were necessary to accommodate new requirements like enhancements to the OESP and net metering system upgrade

For 2025, the \$5,500 budget accounts for anticipated updates to the same system. This slightly higher figure reflects expected inflation, the complexity of potential changes, or the addition of new functionalities required by future OEB directives.

These costs stand out compared to other years because they are in direct response to regulatory innovations as required by the OEB or MoE. In 2025, Hydro 2000 is taking a proactive approach to these updates, ensuring the system is fully equipped to handle changes.

To date, ORPC has already spent \$2700 on net metering. A recent update is provided below

Update: On January 31, 2025, ORPC informed Hydro 2000 (and Cooperative Hydro Embrun) about the setup options for the MDMR Net Metering solution with Harris CIS, which required configuring parameters in Smartworks. He presented two options: Option A involved modifying Smartworks ODS at a cost of \$7,800 per LDC, while Option B involved Util-Assist making modifications to MeterSense, including virtual meter setup and data management, at a lower total cost of \$3,038.12. However, a pending hotfix from MeterSense was needed to enable the creation of virtual meters. ORPC recommended Option B based on the cost and confirmed that they were proceeding with it. Hydro 2000 has also opted to move forward with Option B.

OM&A

Q6 Please explain the basis for the 6.9% increase to administrative salaries in 2024 (exhibit 4, page 16).

Q6 Response: In 2016, Hydro 2000's Board of Directors faced tough financial pressures and had to make the difficult decision of cutting both the salary scale and retirement plan. While this provided short-term budget relief, it created ongoing challenges with attracting and keeping skilled employees. Over time, these lower-than-average salaries made it harder to retain talent.

By October 2019, a newly appointed Board recognized the importance of prioritizing employees to strengthen recruitment and retention. They reintroduced a structured salary scale with seven levels to balance competitive pay with financial sustainability. Annual adjustments were tied to the Bank of Canada Price Index, with updates applied each January.

In 2024, Hydro 2000 responded to a combination of factors that drove a 6.9% increase in administrative salaries compared to 2023. Inflation in 2022 was 6.9%, which exceeded the 3.7% cost-of-living increase applied in 2023. To maintain competitiveness, the Board approved an additional salary adjustment in 2024. Additionally, the removal of the bottom two salary steps in the structured pay scale further contributed to this increase. These measures ensured Hydro 2000 could better attract and retain talent in a challenging labor market, particularly for key roles like the general manager, which carry significant multi-departmental responsibilities in a small utility.

These changes aim to keep Hydro 2000 competitive with similar-sized utilities, not larger ones like Ottawa or Toronto. This increase also serves as an investment in employee morale, reinforcing that staff is valued and that Hydro 2000 is committed to fair compensation.

Q7 In 2025, there is an \$8400 salary annual increment, reflecting both routine and annual increase and adjustments to the salary scale. Please explain the basis for this. Hydro 2000 states that typically the utility uses the Bank of Canada Consumer price index October Total CPI for salary increases. Please provide the latest forecast applied to 2025 salary increase.

Q7 Response: Please see the response to Q6 and in addition, Hydro offers the following information:

The annual salary increment is structured in two components:

1. All employees are entitled to a salary scale leverage of 4.16% each year.
2. The salary scale is adjusted annually to reflect the Bank of Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI) for October, which was forecasted in June of last year for at 3.5%.

The General Manager, having reached the top of the salary scale, is not eligible for a further salary increment. However, all associated salary benefits—including contributions to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Employment Insurance (EI), life insurance, and others—were adjusted to reflect the 3.5% increase in the salary scale.

Q8 At chapter 2 appendices, tab 2-K, the total compensation breakdown by OM&A and capital seems to be incorrect. Please update if necessary.

Q8 Response: The corrected breakdown of employee OM&A and capital costs is provided in the table below. Hydro 2000 clarifies that all capital work is outsourced to an external service provider, meaning all internal compensation costs are allocated exclusively to OM&A.

	Last Rebasing Year 2020 - OEB Approved	Last Rebasing Year (2020 Actuals)	2021 Actuals	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year
Number of Employees (FTEs including Part-Time)¹							
Management (including executive)							
Non-Management (union and non-union)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total Salary and Wages including overtime and incentive pay							
Management (including executive)	\$34,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Management (union and non-union)	\$176,316	\$163,946	\$191,286	\$192,186	\$204,633	\$224,537	\$234,013
Total	\$210,316	\$163,946	\$191,286	\$192,186	\$204,633	\$224,537	\$234,013
Total Benefits (Current + Accrued)							
Management (including executive)							
Non-Management (union and non-union)	\$11,584	\$14,559	\$20,186	\$18,457	\$20,961	\$23,400	\$24,523
Total	\$11,584	\$14,559	\$20,186	\$18,457	\$20,961	\$23,400	\$24,523
Total Compensation (Salary, Wages, & Benefits)							
Management (including executive)	\$34,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Management (union and non-union)	\$187,900	\$178,505	\$211,472	\$210,643	\$225,594	\$247,937	\$258,536
Total	\$221,900	\$178,505	\$211,472	\$210,643	\$225,594	\$247,937	\$258,536
Total Compensation Breakdown (Capital, OM&A)							
OM&A	\$221,900	\$178,505	\$211,472	\$210,643	\$225,594	\$243,261	\$258,536
Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$221,900	\$178,505	\$211,472	\$210,643	\$225,594	\$243,261	\$258,536

5315-Customer Billing	\$107,321	\$49,719	\$80,831	\$80,344	\$86,636	\$95,121	\$103,285
5605-Executive Salaries and Expenses	\$34,000	\$37,128	\$37,960	\$29,112	\$28,769	\$28,808	\$30,191
5610-Management Salaries and Expenses	\$68,995	\$77,099	\$72,495	\$82,730	\$89,228	\$95,586	\$100,174
5645-Employee Pensions and Benefits	\$11,584	\$14,559	\$20,186	\$18,457	\$20,961	\$23,747	\$24,887
Total:	\$221,900	\$178,505	\$211,472	\$210,643	\$225,594	\$243,261	\$258,536

Q9 Hydro 2000 has used a 4.8% inflation rate to prepare its OM&A costs for 2025. Please provide revised forecasts with an updated inflation factor for 2025 of 3.6%

and 2.5% respectively, identifying those aspects of the forecast that relied on the inflation factor.

Q9 Response: The table below shows the 3 requested scenarios side by side. In the interest of transparency, Hydro 2000 has included all of the accounts that have been updated with actuals which include CapEx, Other Revenues and OM&A.

		Original Application	Commitment	Diff	Application and Commitments	Scenario	Scenario
		2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025
		Projected	Actuals		4.80% over Projected 2024	3.60%	2.50%
Revenues from Services	4082-Retail Services Revenues	-\$5,988	-\$3,826	\$2,162	-\$6,275	-\$6,275	-\$6,275
Revenues from Services	4084-Service Transaction Requests (STR) Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues from Services	4086-SSS Administration Revenue	-\$4,020	-\$3,530	\$490	-\$4,213	-\$4,213	-\$4,213
Other Operating Revenues	4210-Rent from Electric Property	-\$17,115	-\$17,130	-\$16	-\$17,936	-\$18,582	-\$17,558
Other Operating Revenues	4225-Late Payment Charges	-\$4,309	-\$3,151	\$1,158	-\$4,516	-\$4,679	-\$3,230
Other Operating Revenues	4235-Miscellaneous Service Revenues	-\$3,694	-\$3,468	\$226	-\$3,872	-\$4,011	-\$3,555
Other Operating Revenues	4245-Government Assistance Directly Credited to Income	\$0	-\$5,186	-\$5,186	\$0	\$0	-\$5,316
Other Income & Deductions	4325-Revenues from Merchandise Jobbing, Etc.	-\$23,000	-\$40,700	-\$17,700	-\$24,104	-\$24,972	-\$41,717
Other Income & Deductions	4330-Costs and Expenses of Merchandising Jobbing, Etc.	\$23,693	\$41,393	\$17,700	\$24,104	\$24,104	\$24,104
Other Income & Deductions	4360-Loss on Disposition of Utility and Other Property	\$110	\$0	-\$110	\$115	\$0	\$0
Other Income & Deductions	4390-Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	\$8	-\$7	-\$15	\$8	-\$7	-\$7
Investment Income	4405-Interest and Dividend Income	-\$18,396	-\$3,477	\$14,919	-\$19,279	-\$3,644	-\$3,644
Operations	5010-Load Dispatching	\$11,362	\$13,230	\$1,868	\$16,908	\$18,865	\$18,865
Operations	5095-Overhead Distribution Lines and Feeders - Rental Paid	\$7,599	\$7,298	-\$302	\$7,964	\$8,251	\$7,480
Maintenance	5120-Maintenance of Poles, Towers and Fixtures	\$8,321	\$11,789	\$3,468	\$8,721	\$9,034	\$12,083
Maintenance	5125-Maintenance of Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$15,263	\$2,011	-\$13,252	\$15,996	\$16,572	\$2,061
Maintenance	5135-Overhead Distribution Lines and Feeders - Right of Way	\$9,516	\$7,450	-\$2,066	\$9,973	\$10,332	\$7,636
Maintenance	5155-Maintenance of Underground Services	\$2,498	\$4,274	\$1,776	\$2,618	\$2,712	\$4,381
Maintenance	5160-Maintenance of Line Transformers	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$1,048		
Maintenance	5175-Maintenance of Meters	\$5,596	\$2,571	-\$3,025	\$5,865	\$6,076	\$2,635
Billing and Collecting	5310-Meter Reading Expense	\$214	\$0	-\$214	\$225	\$0	\$0
Billing and Collecting	5315-Customer Billing	\$223,660	\$237,735	\$14,075	\$238,391	\$238,391	\$238,391
Billing and Collecting	5320-Collecting	\$3,113	\$3,147	\$34	\$3,263	\$3,380	\$3,226
Billing and Collecting	5330-Collection Charges	\$2,321	\$750	-\$1,571	\$2,433	\$2,520	\$769
Billing and Collecting	5335-Bad Debt Expense	\$17,320	\$17,320	\$0	\$18,151	\$18,805	\$17,753
Admin and General Expenses	5605-Executive Salaries and Expenses	\$29,000	\$28,808	-\$192	\$30,392	\$31,486	\$29,528

Admin and General Expenses	5610-Management Salaries and Expenses	\$95,384	\$95,586	\$202	\$99,962	\$103,561	\$97,975
Admin and General Expenses	5615-General Administrative Salaries and Expenses	\$11,581	\$8,143	-\$3,438	\$12,137	\$12,574	\$8,346
Admin and General Expenses	5620-Office Supplies and Expenses	\$29,744	\$24,862	-\$4,881	\$31,171	\$32,293	\$25,484
Admin and General Expenses	5630-Outside Services Employed	\$43,268	\$43,705	\$437	\$45,345	\$46,978	\$44,797
Admin and General Expenses	5635-Property Insurance	\$11,308	\$10,772	-\$536	\$11,851	\$12,278	\$11,041
Admin and General Expenses	5645-Employee Pensions and Benefits	\$23,400	\$23,747	\$347	\$24,523	\$25,406	\$24,340
Admin and General Expenses	5655-Regulatory Expenses	\$74,511	\$75,260	\$749	\$78,088	\$77,421	\$77,421
Admin and General Expenses	5660-General Advertising Expenses	\$257	\$241	-\$16	\$269	\$279	\$247
Admin and General Expenses	5670-Rent	\$16,809	\$16,809	\$0	\$18,482	\$18,482	\$18,482
Admin and General Expenses	5680-Electrical Safety Authority Fees	\$1,621	\$1,621	\$0	\$1,699	\$1,760	\$1,662
							\$0
Unusual & Other Items	6205-Sub-account LEAP Funding	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Total OM&A	\$646,669	\$639,128	-\$7,541	\$687,474	\$699,457	\$656,606
Operations		\$18,962	\$20,528	\$1,566	\$24,872	\$27,116	\$26,345
Maintenance		\$42,194	\$28,095	-\$14,099	\$44,220	\$44,726	\$28,798
Billing and Collecting		\$246,629	\$258,953	\$12,323	\$262,463	\$263,097	\$260,139
Admin and General Expenses		\$336,883	\$329,553	-\$7,331	\$353,920	\$362,518	\$339,325
Unusual & Other Items		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
	Total OM&A	\$646,669	\$639,128	-\$7,541	\$687,474	\$699,457	\$656,606

Q10 Please update the cost-of-service costs for this proceeding to reflect a single intervenor with costs for that intervention capped at \$20,000.

Q10 Response: The OM&A has been corrected accordingly.

Q11 Please provide Hydro 2000's actual cost of service costs to date.

Q11 Response: Hydro 2000 has not yet received the bulk of its cost-of-service-related expenses. However, the current costs to date are as follows:

MNP Costs: \$3,350

Legal Cost: \$6,800

These figures reflect the amounts so far, with additional costs expected as the process progresses

Q12 Please update Hydro 2000's OEB assessment costs to reflect actuals to 2024 and an updated forecast for 2025.

Q12 Response: The OEB assessment has been updated to reflect actual 2024 costs. 2025 was updated to reflect an inflationary increase rather than an average which was originally used.

Q13 Please summarize how Hydro 2000's cost of service costs for its previous cost of service and its 2025 cost of service have been included in Hydro 2000's OM&A spending evidence.

Q13 Response:

Hydro 2000’s cost of service expenses, both for the previous 2020 and upcoming 2025 cost of service, have been accounted for in its OM&A spending through a five-year amortization period.

For the 2020 cost of service, the Board approved an annual amortization of \$24,600, based on an estimated total of \$123,000. However, the actual amount recorded was \$26,289. This variance occurred because the original estimates were made before most invoices were received, and the final figure was adjusted to reflect the actual costs.

The 2025 cost of service will follow a similar process, with actual expenses included in OM&A and amortized over multiple years. This approach helps manage costs while minimizing immediate rate impacts.

2020 Board Approved Regulatory Costs

Regulatory Costs (One-Time)		
1	AESI (DSP)	25,000
2	Deloitte (PILs + DVAs + IRs)	30,000
3	Production & Submission (Print)	1,000
4	Public Notice (OEB)	1,000
5	Legal - Review, IR, Settlement, DRO	12,000
6	Legal - IR/Settlement	5,000
7	Intervenor costs	20,000
8	Overtime related to Cost o Service	13,000
9	Travel to Settlement Conf Costs	1,000
10	Stantec Load Flow Study	15,000
	Total	123,000
	Amortized over 5 years	24,600

2025 Board Approved Regulatory Costs

Regulatory Cost Category		Last Rebasing Year (2020 Actual)	2021	2022	2023	2024	Annual % Change	2025
(A)		(E)			(F)	(G)	(H)=[(G)-(F)]/(F)	(I)
Regulatory Costs (Ongoing)								
1	OEB Annual Assessment	\$6,415	\$6,206	\$7,101	\$7,109	\$10,612	49.27%	\$11,121
2	OEB Section 30 Costs (OEB-initiated)							
3	Expert Witness costs for regulatory matters							
4	Legal costs for regulatory matters							
5	Consultants' costs for regulatory matters							
6	Operating expenses associated with staff resources allocated to regulatory matters							
7	Operating expenses associated with other resources allocated to regulatory matters	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.00%	\$35,000
8	Other regulatory agency fees or assessments							
9	Any other costs for regulatory matters (please define)	\$214						
10	Intervenor costs							
11	2020 Cost of Service							
	1/5 of 2020 Cost of Service	\$16,030	\$26,289	\$26,289	\$26,289	\$26,289		\$13,400
14	MNP IRM	\$2,728	\$4,500					
16	Go Secure Isolv	\$0	\$2,500	\$5,551	\$2,700	\$3,359	24.40%	\$4,500
Regulatory Costs (One-Time)								
2	Legal costs							\$25,000
10	DSP							\$5,000
11	MNP							\$17,000
	Intervenor costs							\$20,000
30	Other							\$0
1	Sub-total - Ongoing Costs ²	\$55,387	\$69,495	\$73,941	\$71,098	\$75,260	\$1	\$64,021
2	Sub-total - One-time Costs ³	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,400
3	Total	\$55,387	\$69,495	\$73,941	\$71,098	\$75,260	\$1	\$77,421
		\$55,387	\$69,495	\$73,941	\$71,098	\$75,260		
Application-Related One-Time Costs						\$0		
Total one time costs								
1/5 of Total One-Time Costs								

- 2020 is not shown in the above table as it's not part of App-2-M but 1/5 of the 2020 CoS \$26,289 was allocated to regulatory costs.

Q14 Between 2020-2025, year over year OM&A increases have been between 5-6% except for 2022 where OM&A increased by 11% (or 57k) higher than 2021. From the evidence, it seems that almost half (22k) of this increase in 2022 was due to Ministry of the Environment's order to demolish the transformer storage shed and perform testing on transformers for PCB contamination in preparation for compliance with R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 362: Waste Management – PCBs. The remaining was related to 9.5k in annual fees for the Honeywell meter software fees and 9k in bad expenses attributed to covid.

Please explain why costs did not normalize in 2023 after these increases.

Q14 Response: At page 22 of 50, Hydro 2000 indicated that the increase of \$12,781 from 2021 to 2022 was the same as 2020BA to 2020 (PCB). This statement was not quite complete.

Below is a clarified breakdown of the actual year-over-year increases for Hydro 2000 between 2021 and 2022:

OM&A Increase of \$57K in 2022:

5120 - Maintenance of Poles, Towers, and Fixtures: (Ex 4 page 22/50)

2021-2022 Increase: \$11,064: This increase was due to the May 2022 derecho storm, which caused significant infrastructure damage, power outages, and repairs in the Alfred-Plantagenet area.

5315 - Customer Billing: (Ex 4 page 23/50)

2021-2022 Increase: \$12,756: Harris software modification for OESP (\$2,800): Ensured compliance with OESP regulations by automating rebate calculations and applying credits efficiently.

Honeywell Connexo software (\$9,900): Modernized the metering system, improving billing accuracy, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance.

5610 - Management Salaries and Expenses: (Ex 4 page 24/50)

2021-2022 Increase: \$10,235: This increase reflects standard salary adjustments, including annual increments and updates to the salary scale.

5160 - Maintenance of Line Transformers: (Revised)

2020-2021 Increase: \$1,397: Spending was marginal due to transformer supply delays caused by COVID-19.

2021-2022 Increase: \$12,781: Costs incurred for receiving and replacing transformers as well as spent on PCB testing and compliance with R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 362.

These cost increases collectively address the \$57K variance, providing detailed evidence of compliance-related expenses, storm damage repairs, and operational upgrades.

By 2023, costs didn't return to pre-2022 levels because the spending in 2022 represented a realignment with essential operational and compliance needs that had been deferred in earlier years. In this context, 2022 marked the beginning of a stabilization of expenses.

Q15 At Exhibit 4, page 11, table 3, customer focus costs are described as including, customer service costs, mailing costs, billing and collection costs and bad debt costs; please break out the customer focus costs into those four categories over the 2020 to 2025 period, updating the actuals and forecast as necessary.

Please explain the basis for the 2025 forecast bad debt expense.

Q15 Response: See table below for a breakdown of the customer focus costs. Hydro 2000 notes that it has used an inflationary factor to determine the 2025 bad debt.

Programs	2020 BA	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year	Variance (Test Year vs. 2022 Actuals)	Test Year Versus Last Rebasing
Customer Focus									
Customer Service, Mailing Costs, Billing and Collections, Bad Debt	\$155,231	\$145,696	\$176,958	\$204,078	\$237,401	\$258,953	\$260,627	23,226	105,396
Sub-Total	155,231	145,696	176,958	204,078	237,401	258,953	260,627	23,226	105,396

	2020 BA	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Bridge Year	2025 Test Year
5305-Supervision	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310-Meter Reading Expense	\$0	\$0	-\$1,850	\$627	\$204	\$0	\$0
5315-Customer Billing	\$140,071	\$139,453	\$174,852	\$187,607	\$201,171	\$237,735	\$238,391
5320-Collecting	\$5,987	\$1,499	\$1,039	\$1,839	\$2,971	\$3,147	\$3,298
5325-Collecting- Cash Over and Short	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5330-Collection Charges	\$4,173	\$1,013	-\$100	\$1,673	\$2,215	\$750	\$786
5335-Bad Debt Expense	\$5,000	\$3,731	\$3,018	\$12,333	\$30,840	\$17,320	\$18,151
5340-Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$155,231	\$145,696	\$176,958	\$204,078	\$237,401	\$258,953	\$260,627

Q16 Please provide the Activity and Program Benchmarking results in the form of unit costs instead of total costs in Exhibit 1.5.2 Activity & Performance-Based Benchmarking, as specified in the filing requirements.

Q16 Response: The requested information is shown below. The information has also been updated to reflect the 2023 APB results

Table 2 – APB Benchmarking Analysis

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average
Billing O&M	125.97	109.55	138.44	147.96	157.41	135.87
Metering O&M	6.49	5.94	1.85	2.50	4.34	4.22
Vegetation Management O&M	13.59	9.08	13.32	17.63	22.59	15.24
Lines O&M	787.86	687.59	926.55	879.84	1,106.40	877.65
Poles, Towers and Fixtures O&M	8.38	16.33	10.10	37.81	19.75	18.47
Poles, Towers and Fixtures CAPEX	5,891	5,992	6,491	6,445	8,029	6,569
Line Transformers CAPEX	6,813	1,128	8,808	10,569	2,121	5,887.9
Meters CAPEX	14.27	8.20	1.69	0.00	3.65	6.95

Hydro 2000 believes that benchmarking based solely on unit costs is misleading without accounting for key differences between rural and urban utilities. Factors such as customer density, distribution area size, geography, weather, economies of scale, and operational context can significantly skew comparisons and lead to inaccurate assessments.

Q17 Lines O&M costs reported in Table 11 Exhibit 1 do not align with the RRR submission to the OEB. Please provide revisions or explanations.

Q17 Response: Question is obsolete as the information was updated to reflect the most recent APB report.

Q18 In 2024, there is an increase in Billing and Collecting costs due to the software amendments required to accommodate the Customers Choice options, OESP System Enhancement, Green Button and SilverBlaze platforms. In 2025, Hydro 2000 states that Billing and Collecting costs are projected to increase by \$15,834, due to the additional expenses associated with maintaining various software systems necessary to comply with new regulatory requirements. A significant factor is the annual maintenance cost for Silverblaze, which stands at \$18,138. Please provide further explanation for the driver behind the increase in Billing and Collecting costs of

\$15,834 from 2024 to 2025, including specifically any additional regulatory requirements in 2025.

Q18 Response: SilverBlaze is connected to the mandate to implement the Green Button standard in Ontario. The Green Button initiative is a regulatory requirement aimed at giving customers access to their energy consumption data

Silverblaze creates an ongoing cost of \$8,400 per year.

Customers Choice created an ongoing annual cost of \$3,000

OESP File & Net Metering System Enhancement \$7,000

ULO created an ongoing annual cost of \$1,487.50

Q19 At Exhibit 4, page 38, table 19, Hydro 2000 summarizes actual benefit expenses. Please provide the actual benefit expenses for 2024 and forecast benefit expenses for 2025. Please also use this updated information to update Appendix 2-K Employee Compensation Costs as necessary.

Q19 Response:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Benefit	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
Statutory					
CPP	6,031.60	7,825.73	8,326.12	9,457.14	10,270.94
EI	2,311.90	3,053.79	3,111.30	3,373.09	3,679.39
WSIB	1,167.79	1,904.20	1,411.46	1,426.87	1,413.79
Total Statutory	9,511.29	12,783.72	12,848.88	14,257.10	15,364.12
				19.9%	
Company					
Health Plan	3,577.53	5,879.24	5,607.84	4,829.05	6,058.35
Health Tax	1,470.35	1,904.20	0.00*	1,871.75	2,314.05
Total Company	5,047.88	7,783.44	5,607.84	6,700.80	8,372.40
Total Benefit Costs	14,559.17	20,567.16	18,456.72	20,957.90	23,736.52

The new CPP2 (Canada Pension Plan enhancement) has increased costs. Additionally, health plan expenses fluctuate based on employee status changes, such as new hires or adjustments in coverage, and annual insurance premium revisions influenced by market rates and provider assessments. These factors contribute to ongoing variability in benefits-related costs.

Cost of Capital, PILs, and Revenue Requirement

Q20 a) Hydro 2000 has provided explanations of the variations in the ROE for 2022 and 2023.

Please explain variation in the ROE from the deemed rate for 2021 (-8.42%);

Q20 a) Response:

(Summary of RRR 2.1.5.6)

Revenue Variances:

Distribution Revenues: A slight reduction of \$7,421 in distribution revenues (1.34% below the board-approved level) contributed to the under-earnings. While marginal, this reduction did not help offset increased costs.

Other Revenues: Other revenues increased by \$1,762, or 4.69% above the board-approved level. However, this positive variance was insufficient to counterbalance the cost pressures.

Cost Variances:

OM&A Expenses: This was primarily attributed to increased software upgrade costs (Harris 5K and ITM 2.5K) and additional expenses from the billing service provider (ORPC) and staffing changes. This is the largest contributing factor to the under-earnings at an increase of \$26,796 was reported.

Amortization Expenses: A slight increase of \$1,543 aligned with capital expenditure changes, adding modest pressure to overall costs.

Current Tax Expense: A positive variance of \$16,558 resulted from the difference between deemed and actual debt expense included in rates. This variance somewhat offset the negative impacts of increased costs.

Tax Reduction: A small tax reduction of \$1,943 had minimal effect on mitigating under-earnings.

Other Variances:

OEB Adjustments: Adjusting Appendices 4 and 6 accounted for a combined negative variance of \$30,892. These adjustments explain differences in deemed versus actual interest expenses and tax implications due to Hydro 2000 not holding a debt instrument. These regulatory adjustments further worsened the financial position.

Regulated Deemed Equity Variances:

Rate Base Adjustments: Hydro 2000 experienced a \$19,585 increase in working capital allowance due to rising costs of power, as actual costs exceeded the board-approved forecast.

Increase in NBV: A \$35,810 increase in net book value (NBV) resulted from system renewal projects, including transformers and pole replacements, which raised the rate base.

Conclusion: Hydro 2000's under-earnings in 2021 were largely driven by a significant increase in OM&A expenses and regulatory adjustments related to deemed versus actual interest and taxes. These cost pressures, along with slight reductions in distribution revenue and higher capital investments, created a financial shortfall. Despite some offsets from tax savings and increased NBV, the total negative variance was \$32,347, explaining the under-earnings.

Please provide the forecasted ROE for 2024 and the rationale for any deviations from the OEB’s deemed rate if applicable; and

Q20 b) Response: Here is the projected 2024 ROE for your reference. Please note that these figures are preliminary, as the utility has not yet completed its year-end processes or audit. As a result, the ROE is subject to change.

		Data source:	
The CoS Decision and Order EB number for the ROE	-	xx	CoS Decision and Order (last CoS establishing the current reporting year's base rates)
Accounting standard used in CoS Decision and Order	MIFRS	yy	CoS Decision and Order
Regulated net income			
Regulated net income (loss), as per RRR 2.1.7	\$42,351.19	a	RRR 2.1.7 - USoA 3046 * (-1)
Adjustment items:			
Non-rate regulated items and other adjustments (Appendix 1)	\$0.00	b	Appendix 1 cell (aq)
Unrealized (gains)/losses on interest rate swaps (Not applicable if recorded in Other Comprehensive Income)		c	
Actuarial (gains)/losses on OPEB and/or Pensions not approved by the OEB		d	
Non-recoverable donations (Appendix 2)	\$0.00	e	Appendix 2 cell (be)
Net interest/carrying charges from DVAs (Appendix 3)	\$62.14	f	Appendix 3 cell (cc)
Interest adjustment for deemed debt (Appendix 4)	-\$31,626.69	g	Appendix 4 cell (dg)
Adjusted regulated net income before tax adjustments	\$10,786.65		h=a+b+c+d+e+f+g
Add back:			
Future/deferred taxes expense	\$0.00	i	RRR 2.1.7 - USoA 6115
Current income tax expense (Does not include future income tax)	\$28,198.00	j	RRR 2.1.7 - USoA 6110
Deduct:			
Current income tax expense for regulated ROE purposes (Appendix 6)	-\$8,381.07	k	Appendix 6 cell (fq)
Adjusted regulated net income	\$47,365.72	l=h+i+j-k	
Deemed Equity			
Rate base:			
Cost of power	\$2,657,180.34	m	RRR 2.1.7 - Sum of USoA 4705 - 4751 inclusive
Operating expenses before any applicable adjustments	\$639,128.14	n1	RRR 2.1.7 - Sum of USoA 4505-4640, 4805-5695, 6105, 6205, 6210, and 6225, then subtract ROE Summary cell (d) and subtract ROE Summary cell (e)
Other Adjustments:			

			\$0.00	n2	
Adjusted operating expenses			\$639,128.14	n=n 1-n2	
Total Cost of Power and Operating Expenses			\$3,296,308.48	o=m +n	
Working capital allowance % as approved in the distributor's last CoS Decision and Order			7.50%	% p	CoS Decision and Order
Total working capital allowance (\$)			\$247,223.14	q=o* p	
PP&E					
Opening balance - regulated PP&E (NBV) (Appendix 5)			\$972,215.94	r	Appendix 5 cell (ec)
Adjusted closing balance - regulated PP&E (NBV) (Appendix 5)	0		\$1,018,735.87	s	Appendix 5 cell (el)
	0				
Average regulated PP&E			\$995,475.90	t=(r+s)/2	
Total rate base			\$1,242,699.04	u=q +t	
Regulated deemed short-term debt % and \$	4 %	% v	\$49,707.96	v1=v *u	Cell (v) from CoS Decision and Order
Regulated deemed long-term debt % and \$	56 %	% w	\$695,911.46	w1=w *u	Cell (w) from CoS Decision and Order
Regulated deemed equity % and \$	4 %	% x	\$497,079.62	x1=x *u	Cell (x) from CoS Decision and Order
Regulated Rate of Return on Deemed Equity (ROE)					
Achieved ROE%			9.53%	% y=1 / x1	
Deemed ROE% from the distributor's last CoS Decision and Order			8.52%	% z	CoS Decision and Order
Difference - maximum deadband 3%			1.01%	% z1 = y-z	
ROE status for the year (Over-earning/Under-earning/Within 300 basis points deadband)			Within 300 basis points deadband	z2	

Q20 c) Please explain how Hydro 2000 can operate with very little or no debt financing, particularly given the underearning relative to its deemed ROE in recent years.

Q20 c) Response: Hydro 2000 has traditionally avoided debt and the burden of loan repayments exercising financial caution to maintain flexibility.

Unfortunately, due to increasing demands and costly regulations, over the past four years, the utility has prioritized essential spending and cut non-essential costs. For example, Hydro 2000 no longer uses professional cleaning services, and staff now take turns cleaning the office and washrooms. The staff also repainted the office themselves in an effort to minimize costs. Other discretionary expenses have also been reduced to the bare minimum, ensuring that resources are directed toward maintaining service reliability and meeting regulatory obligations.

That being said, the pressures of meeting obligations through cost-cutting have made it increasingly difficult to maintain flexibility or morale. Recognizing these challenges, Hydro 2000 recently secured a \$250,000 loan to provide much-needed financial stability, especially during peak times when the cost of power is at its highest. By taking this step, Hydro 2000 aims to ensure it can continue to focus on reliability while maintaining a strong financial position.

Q21 Hydro 2000 has indicated that it has obtained new long-term debt not described in its evidence in the amount of \$250,000 at a rate of 5.88% for a 5-year term, amortized over 5 years. Please provide an update to the cost of capital evidence, as necessary, to reflect the new debt instrument and explain any due diligence that Hydro 2000 undertook in obtaining that debt.

Q21 Response: The models have been updated to reflect the terms of the \$250,000 loan at a 5.8% rate for a 5-year term.

Following the 2020 Cost of Service analysis, it became clear that Hydro 2000 would need external financing to support its planned capital projects. In response, Hydro 2000 approached its sole shareholder to explore either a direct loan or approval to borrow externally. The shareholder passed a resolution granting authorization to secure financing from a financial institution.

Hydro 2000 then reached out to its two primary banking partners. Caisse Populaire declined to offer a loan, citing the existing line of credit. Hydro 2000 then contacted the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), which expressed a willingness to provide financing. The Board of Directors agreed that a loan would only be pursued if necessary.

By July 2024, financial obligations required Hydro 2000 to move forward with the loan. Since the shareholder was unable to provide direct funding and RBC had already approved lending, the Board passed Resolution 2024-089 on August 7, 2024. This authorized a one-time \$250,000 loan from RBC, amortized over five years, with no option to renew after the term ended.

Unfortunately, the process of securing the loan was delayed, initially due to the unavailability of bank personnel. This was followed by an additional delay when the General Manager experienced the personal loss of her spouse. The shareholder reaffirmed their consent in November 2024, allowing Hydro 2000 to finalize the loan arrangements.

For a small utility with no prior loans, operating in rural Ontario, securing financing at or near the deemed rate isn't feasible. Larger banks typically aren't interested in extending loans of this size and risk profile. Hydro 2000 explored other options, but lenders were not interested or unwilling to offer anything better.

Ultimately, Hydro 2000 secured the best rate available. The Board of Directors passed Resolution 2024-089 authorizing the loan only after carefully considering all other alternatives. The financing was essential to meet our financial obligations and proceed with critical capital projects that couldn't be delayed.

Hydro 2000 recognizes that the 5.88% rate is above the OEB's rate deemed, however, it reflects the actual conditions under which Hydro 2000 operates.

Q22 Hydro 2000 doesn't use the latest PILs model in this application. Please file an updated PILs model using [the latest PILs model dated May 2, 2024](#) and update the following schedules in particular:

In the PILs model, the CCA amount shows on B1 Sch 1 (\$0) is different from the amount shows on B8 Sch 8 (\$71,339). This error is due to the incorrect PILs model used in the application.

Q22 a) Response: The model has been updated.

The beginning UCC balance in 2025 test year "T8 Sch 8" does not match the ending UCC balance in 2024 bridge year "B8 Sch 8". The beginning UCC of 2025 is \$63,308 while the ending UCC of 2024 is \$911,877. This error is due to the incorrect PILs model used in the application.

Q22 b) Response: The model has been updated. Model still doesn't reflect the fact that Hydro 2000 is not entitled to the small business deduction, therefore pays 26.5% for all its PILs.

Re: Accelerated CCA:

Q23 a) Please confirm that the AIPP has been claimed in Hydro 2000's tax filings for the period 2020 to 2023.

Q23 a) Response: Yes Hydro 2000 has claimed AIPP from 2020 to 2023.

Q23 b) Please confirm Hydro 2000 has applied the legacy half-year rule and normal CCA rates on the capital additions in the 2024 bridge Year and 2025 test Year instead of applying the CCA rates using the AIPP. Please also confirm in written that Hydro 2000 would not apply the AIPP in its 2024 and 2025 tax filings.

Q23 b) Response: Hydro 2000 has used the legacy half-year rule and normal CCA rates on capital additions in the 2024 Bridge Year and 2025 Test Year. AIIIP is not allowed after December 31, 2023. Therefore, Hydro 2000 won't use AIIIP in its 2024 and 2025 tax returns.

Q23 c) If a) and b) above are confirmed, please explain why Hydro 2000 elects not to claim the CCAs using the AIIIP for the bridge year and test year. Please also confirm that Hydro 2000 will not claim the CCAs under the AIIIP going forward in future tax filings (2024 to 2027 tax filings).

Q23 c) Response: AIIIP is not allowed after December 31, 2023. Therefore, Hydro 2000 won't use AIIIP in its 2024 to 2027 tax returns.

In DVA Continuity (Tab 2b and Appendix A), Account 1592 – PILs and Tax Variance for 2006 and Subsequent Years shows there is \$28,288 variance between the RRR reporting balance and the DVA continuity schedule. Hydro 2000 states this variance is due to calculation of the effects of the Accelerated CCA impact. However, there is no balance recorded in Account 1592 sub-account CCA changes.

Q23 d) i) Please confirm whether this variance is related to Account 1592 sub-account CCA changes.

Q23 d) i) Response: The variance reported in 1592 was an amount not disposed of in 2020. The variance for CCA was also added. This amount (Accelerated CCA) was not included in the \$28,288.

Q23 d) ii) If confirmed, please provide Account 1592_Accelerated_CCA schedule and reconcile to the variance above.

Q23 d) ii) Response: Accelerated CCA schedule has been completed.

Q24 Please confirm that the balances recorded in Account 4405 - Interest and Dividend Income for 2025 do not include interest associated with DVAs.

Q24 Response: Yes, the amounts presented in account 4405 include interest associated with DVAs. The amounts for DVAs are 2020 - \$6,110, 2021 - \$2,168, 2022 - \$4,813, 2023 - \$14,504 and 2024 - \$13,123.

Q25 Please confirm that Hydro 2000 will update and record MicroFit-related revenues under Account 4235 instead of 4080. Please also update the MicroFit rate to \$5.00 according to the OEB's letter "[Review of Fixed Monthly Charge of microFIT Generator Service Classification](#)" on November 19, 2024.

Q25 Response: confirmed

Q26 Please provide account breakdown details for "Other Operating Revenue" and "Other Income and Deductions". This is required in the footnote to Chapter 2 Appendix-H, under Account Breakdown Details.

Q26 Response: See attached Summary of Other Income and Deductions.

Q27 With respect to Account 4210, please confirm that the account only includes pole rental income, and please provide a calculation of the pole rental income for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 showing the number of poles in each year, the rate used in each year, and the resulting revenue in each year, reconciled to the total revenue reported in Account 4210.

Q27 Response: Yes account 4210 only contains pole rental. See Table 4 for calculations which were done in the COS process. Numbers are different than in the 2023 RRR.

Q28 At Exhibit 6, page 17 Hydro 2000 notes that it used an inflation factor of 3.6% when forecasting other revenue for 2024 and 2025. Please provide details showing how the 3.6% inflation factor was used to forecast other revenues for 2024 and

2025, including identifying the specific categories of other revenue where the inflation factor of 3.6% was used.

Q28 Response: This statement was incorrect. The utility used a forecast of 4.80% in its original application. Please see Q9 for a list of accounts that are and are not using the inflation factor of 4.80%.

Load Forecast

Q29 Please provide, if available:

2024 actual customer counts, and

2024 actual wholesale purchases and retail consumption data.

Assuming the requested information is available, please provide an updated load forecast using the 2024 actual data requested.

Q29 Response: The requested scenario is detailed in the file [H2000 2025 Load Forecasting 2024 Actuals 20250117](#). Hydro 2000 confirms that this file has been adopted as the foundation for the proposed new rates.

Q30 Hydro 2000 confirmed that it did not test a COVID variable as part of its load forecast. Please provide a load forecast that uses a COVID variable.

Q30 Response: H2000 has provided the requested scenario in the file [2025 Cos TESI Load Forecasting 2025017 Covid](#).

Q31 Please provide a load forecast that removes the customer count variable.

Q31 Response: H2000 has provided the requested scenario in the file [2025 Cos TESI Load Forecasting 2025017 no Cust.](#)

Q32 In Load forecast excel file, Tab forecast: HDD and CDD are based on a 9-year average. 2014 has not been included. Please update to include a 10-year average.

Q32 Response: The error has been corrected in scenarios of the Load Forecast files provided with these responses.

Cost Allocation, Rate Design, and Other Charges

Q33 Hydro 2000 describes Exhibit 7, table 8, page 7 its billing and collecting weighting factors. In that evidence there are several line items within account 5315 that appear to be allocated only to residential and GS<50 customers. Please describe the activities that those line items that are only allocated to residential and GS<50 customers represent. Please explain whether there are similar activities undertaken in relation to the other rate classes and, if so, identify where the costs of those activities are tracked and allocated to those other rate classes.

Response:

As filed

Accounts 5305 - 5340	2025						
5305-Supervision	-						
5310-Meter Reading Expense	-						
5315-Customer Billing	238,391.00						1) Hydro 2000 2025 budget
5320-Collecting	3,263.00						2) Hydro 2000 2025 budget
5325-Collecting- Cash Over and Short	-						
5330-Collection Charges	2,433.00						3) Hydro 2000 2025 budget
5340-Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses	-						

	Residential	GS < 50 *	GS > 50	Unmetered Street Lighting	Total	Acct
2025 Projected # of Customers (load forecast)	1145	139	15	1	1,301.00	
# bills (per tab 16.2 of CA model)	13740	1668	180	12	15,612.00	
Bill	0.88	0.11	0.01	0.00	1.00	
Time allocation	0.90	0.08	0.01	0.01	1.00	
					Total Annual Cost	Acct

Examples of Expenses									
5315 - Compensation (combined row for privacy)	\$135,634	\$119,370	\$14,491	\$1,564	\$104	\$104	\$135,634	5315	
5315 - Customer Billing Supplies (by bills all class)	\$3,500	\$3,150	\$280	\$35	\$18	\$18	\$3,500	5315	
5315 - EARTH (ITM- Web Portal (since 2024 all classes)	\$2,800	\$2,464	\$299	\$32	\$2	\$2	\$2,800	5315	Explanation or change if needed
5315 - Meter Sense	\$5,320	\$4,682	\$568	\$61	\$4	\$4	\$5,320	5315	
5315 - ORPC - Outside Contract Billing Process	\$61,882	\$55,694	\$4,951	\$619	\$309	\$309	\$61,882	5315	
5315 - Util-Assist Sync Operator	\$10,620	\$9,347	\$1,135	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,481	5315	Internal meter readings are brought in by MDMR; USL has no meters nor does Street Lights
5315 - Connexo AMI - Honeywell	\$9,500	\$8,361	\$1,015	\$110	\$0	\$7	\$9,493	5315	
5315 - Harris Option In-Out	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$267	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,467	5315	At this time, only Residential and <50 customers have the option to choose between TOU or TIER
5315 - Harris Work Shop	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$120	\$15	\$8	\$8	\$1,500	5315	
5320-Collecting	\$3,263	\$2,937	\$261	\$33	\$16	\$16	\$3,263	5330	
5330-Collection Charges	\$2,500	\$2,290	\$180	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	5330	
	\$239,019.20								
5315 - Customer Billing		211,845.15	23,567.16	2,498.41	461.22	468.52	238,840.46		
Total		15.42	14.13	13.88	38.44	39.04			
Weighting (Residential set as standard)		1.00	0.92	0.90	2.49	2.53			

Revised

Accounts 5305 - 5340		2025							
5305-Supervision		-							
5310-Meter Reading Expense		-							
5315-Customer Billing		238,391.00						1) Hydro 2000 2025 budget	
5320-Collecting		3,263.00						2) Hydro 2000 2025 budget	
5325-Collecting- Cash Over and Short		-							
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5340-Miscellaneous Customer Accounts Expenses		-							
			Residential	GS < 50 *	GS > 50	Unmetered	Street Lighting	Total	Acct
2025 Projected # of Customers (load forecast)		1145	139	15	1	1		1,301.00	
# bills (per tab I6.2 of CA model)		13740	1668	180	12	12		15,612.00	
Bill		0.88	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.00		1.00	
Time allocation		0.90	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.01		1.00	
								Total Annual Cost	Acct
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5315 - Connexo AML - Honeywell	\$9,500	\$8,361	\$1,015	\$110	\$0	\$7		\$9,493	5315
5315 - Harris Option In-Out	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$267	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$2,467	
5315 - Harris Work Shop	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$120	\$15	\$8	\$8		\$1,500	
5320-Collecting	\$3,263	\$2,937	\$261	\$33	\$16	\$16		\$3,263	
5330-Collection Charges	\$2,500	\$2,290	\$180	\$30	\$0	\$0		\$2,500	5330
	\$239,019.20								
5315 - Customer Billing		211,845.15	23,567.16	2,498.41	461.22	468.52		238,840.46	
Total		15.42	14.13	13.88	38.44	39.04			
Weighting (Residential set as standard)		1.00	0.92	0.90	2.49	2.53			

Please confirm whether any revisions to the cost allocation model are necessary and, if so, update the cost allocation model accordingly, in relation to the following identified issues:

Response: The cost allocation model has been updated to correct To reflect the table above.

Q34 a) At tab 6.2 it appears that it is assumed that all GS>50 customers use Hydro 2000's line transformers and secondary assets, while at tab I8 it appears that at least some GS>50 customers own their own line transformers and secondary assets;

Q34 a) Response: Hydro 2000 notes that Tab I8 Demand Data was revised to remove a formula which does not apply to Hydro 2000 as it does not have customers that own their own transformers. The revised table from the Cost Allocation model is replicated below.

			1	2	3	7	9
Customer Classes		Total	Residential	GS <50	GS 50 to 4,999 kW	Street Light	Unmetered Scattered Load
		CP Sanity Check	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
CO-INCIDENT PEAK							
1 CP							
Transformation CP	TCP1	5,005	3,222	954	827	-	2
Bulk Delivery CP	BCP1	5,005	3,222	954	827	-	2
Total Sytem CP	DCP1	5,005	3,222	954	827	-	2
4 CP							
Transformation CP	TCP4	18,101	12,228	2,933	2,827	106	8
Bulk Delivery CP	BCP4	18,101	12,228	2,933	2,827	106	8
Total Sytem CP	DCP4	18,101	12,228	2,933	2,827	106	8
12 CP							
Transformation CP	TCP12	39,153	25,982	6,420	6,484	244	23
Bulk Delivery CP	BCP12	39,153	25,982	6,420	6,484	244	23
Total Sytem CP	DCP12	39,153	25,982	6,420	6,484	244	23
NON CO INCIDENT PEAK							
		NCP Sanity Check	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 NCP							
Classification NCP from Load Data Provider	DNCP1	5,445	3,615	954	839	35	2
Primary NCP	PNCP1	5,445	3,615	954	839	35	2
Line Transformer NCP	LTNCP1	5,445	3,615	954	839	35	2
Secondary NCP	SNCP1	5,445	3,615	954	839	35	2
4 NCP							
Classification NCP from Load Data Provider	DNCP4	20,218	13,324	3,482	3,263	142	8
Primary NCP	PNCP4	20,218	13,324	3,482	3,263	142	8
Line Transformer NCP	LTNCP4	20,218	13,324	3,482	3,263	142	8
Secondary NCP	SNCP4	20,218	13,324	3,482	3,263	142	8
12 NCP							
Classification NCP from Load Data Provider	DNCP12	47,718	27,719	7,386	7,493	425	23
Primary NCP	PNCP12	43,046	27,719	7,386	7,493	425	23
Line Transformer NCP	LTNCP12	43,046	27,719	7,386	7,493	425	23
Secondary NCP	SNCP12	43,046	27,719	7,386	7,493	425	23

Q34 b) At tab 6.2, E2 and E3 it appears that streetlighting customers use no primary assets or line transformers; and

Q34 b) Response: Tab 6.2 was corrected to include the number of devices in row 18. The revised table from the Cost Allocation model is replicated below.

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Sheet I6.2 Customer Data Worksheet -

		1	2	3	7	9	
	ID	Total	Residential	GS <50	GS 50 to 4,999 kW	Street Light	Unmetered Scattered Load
Billing Data							
Bad Debt 3 Year Historical Average	BDHA	\$15,397	\$15,397	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Late Payment 3 Year Historical Average	LPHA	\$5,813	\$4,476	\$1,104	\$233		
Number of Bills	CNB	15,606	13,736	1,667	178	12	12
Number of Devices	CDEV					370	21
Number of Connections (Unmetered)	CCON	392				370	21
Total Number of Customers	CCA	1,300	1,145	139	15	1	1
Bulk Customer Base	CCB	-					
Primary Customer Base	CCP	1,312	1,145	139	15	12	1
Line Transformer Customer Base	CCLT	1,312	1,145	139	15	12	1
Secondary Customer Base	CCS	1,300	1,145	139	15	1	1
Weighted - Services	CWCS	1,963	1,145	278	148	370	21
Weighted Meter -Capital	CWMC	399,016	335,089	51,217	12,710	-	-
Weighted Meter Reading	CWMR	1,299	1,145	139	15	-	-
Weighted Bills	CWNB	15,438	13,736	1,501	144	28	28

Bad Debt Data

Historic Year:	2021	3,018	3,018				
Historic Year:	2022	12,333	12,333				
Historic Year:	2023	30,840	30,840				
Three-year average		15,397	15,397	-	-	-	-

Street Lighting Adjustment Factors

NCP Test Results	4 NCP
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Class	Primary Asset Data		Line Transformer Asset Data	
	Customers/ Devices	4 NCP	Customers/ Devices	4 NCP
Residential	1,145	13,324	1,145	13,324
Street Light	370	142	370	142

Street Lighting Adjustment Factors	
Primary	30.4197
Line Transformer	30.4197

Q34 c) At tab 6.2 the number of street light devices appears to be zero.

Q34 c) Response: See previous response and updated table.

Q35 It appears that the proposed fixed/variable splits shown at Exhibit 8, page 5, table 4 conflict with the narrative explanation as to how Hydro 2000 arrived at its proposed fixed/variable splits. Please provide an updated proposal for fixed and variable splits based on all the relevant evidence updates to date and explain the rationale for the proposed fixed/variable split in each case.

Q35 Response: Hydro 2000 acknowledges the error and confirms that the question is now obsolete as the rates, including the fixed-to-variable split, have been updated to align with the revised 2024 actuals, and 2025 budgets and other expected changes to the parameters.

Q36 Please update the proposed 2025 low voltage expense, accounting for the new expense amount per the OEB's decision in EB-2024-0032 in relation to Hydro One's low voltage costs and 2024 billing determinants if available.

Q36 Response: The projected LV charges have been updated to reflect the 2024 demand and the 2025 Hydro One charges as approved in the referenced decision. The updated calculations can be found in the RTSR model, with the resulting rates detailed in Appendix 2-Z of the Chapter 2 Appendices under the Cost of Power. These updates are also reflected in the Bill Impact model and the proposed tariff sheet.

Q37 Please confirm that the loss factor calculation at Exhibit 8 accounts for embedded generation in columns A1 and A2.

Q37 Response: The embedded generation, specifically MicroFIT, is excluded from the wholesale purchases used to determine the load forecast, as shown in the table below.

Regarding the loss factor calculations, the embedded generation is accounted for in the retail energy delivered by the distributor.

As Hydro 2000 is directly embedded within Hydro One's system, the embedded generation has not been factored into its supply facility loss factor. Hydro 2000 notes that the MicroFit generation accounts for an average of 0.3% of the retail kWh delivered.

LOAD FORECAST INPUTS							
Wholesale		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January		2,762,873	2,386,676	2,357,996	2,826,448	2,243,866	2,294,363
February		2,363,914	2,236,608	2,172,446	2,315,827	2,155,695	1,976,324
March		2,269,499	2,045,359	2,055,698	2,130,067	2,005,903	1,849,745
April		1,782,927	1,682,105	1,507,271	1,664,677	1,519,655	1,496,321
May		1,447,177	1,477,520	1,401,411	1,233,288	1,367,097	1,352,487
June		1,140,434	1,442,433	1,484,569	1,349,322	1,371,020	1,440,859
July		1,630,187	1,746,198	1,504,255	1,522,999	1,566,169	1,601,078
August		1,422,814	1,509,057	1,649,422	1,521,855	1,396,173	1,524,972
September		1,240,359	1,248,264	1,248,909	1,273,763	1,321,032	1,325,838
October		1,428,945	1,480,205	1,384,418	1,378,798	1,366,123	1,363,416
November		1,999,819	1,742,073	1,768,989	1,674,399	1,793,258	1,594,817
December		2,368,865	2,258,590	2,285,477	2,135,462	2,068,035	2,186,891
Total		21,857,813	21,255,087	20,820,862	21,026,903	20,174,026	20,007,112
RRR excl. losses (delivery/sold) (B)		20,990,744	20,424,009	19,898,823	20,135,872	19,290,376	19,125,226
RRR Total Distribution Losses (kWh) (C)	+	932,647	895,592	986,597	949,820	942,012	823,923
RRR Embedded Gen (A ii)	-	65,578	64,514	64,559	58,789	58,363	57,963
RRR Total kWh Purchased (Ai)	=	21,857,813	21,255,087	20,820,862	21,026,903	20,174,025	20,007,112
Difference		0	0	0	0	-1	0

LOSS FACTOR CALCULATIONS						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
"Wholesale" kWh delivered to distributor (higher value)						
"Wholesale" kWh delivered to distributor (lower value)	21,857,813	21,255,087	20,820,862	21,026,903	20,174,026	20,007,112
Net "Wholesale" kWh delivered to distributor = A(2) - B	21,857,813	21,255,087	20,820,862	21,026,903	20,174,026	20,007,112
"Retail" kWh delivered by distributor	21,024,400	20,424,009	19,898,823	20,145,619	19,290,376	19,125,226
Net "Retail" kWh delivered by distributor = D - E	21,024,400	20,424,009	19,898,823	20,145,619	19,290,376	19,125,226
Loss Factor in Distributor's system = C / F	1.0396	1.0407	1.0463	1.0437	1.0458	1.0461
Supply Facilities Loss Factor	1.0340	1.0340	1.0340	1.0340	1.0340	1.0340
Total Loss Factor = G x H	1.0750	1.0761	1.0819	1.0792	1.0814	1.0817

Q38 Please confirm that in the RTSR Workform the RRR data used in Tab 3 and the billing data used in Tab 5 both are based on the same year.

Q38 Response: Following the Issues Day and the issuance of commitments, the RTSR inputs have been updated to reflect 2024 data. However, this data has not yet been filed in the RRR, as the filing deadline is May 1, 2025, and requires audited information.

Q39 Please update RTSRs with the 2025 final HONI rates issued on December 19, 2024, in EB-2024-0032.

Q39 Response: The rates have been updated to reflect the referenced decision.

Q40 Please describe any options that have been considered to address the large bill impact in the street lighting rate class. Please confirm whether street lighting customers have been engaged to determine their reaction to the proposed larger than 10% rate increase.

Q40 Response: When it comes to addressing the 18% increase that exceeds the 10% threshold, there are a few key points to consider. First, it's important to remember that the street lighting customer is also the utility's sole shareholder. This creates a unique relationship where collaboration and open communication are essential. That's why the town has already been involved in discussions about the proposed rates—to ensure everyone understands the changes and their potential impact.

To address the bill impact, there are a few options to explore. Phasing in the rate adjustments over several years could ease the rate impact.

Reassessing the cost allocation methodology to ensure it accurately reflects the cost of serving the street lighting class might be an option. (Hydro 2000 notes that neither the utility nor the customer has made any major changes to usage or operations since the last Cost of Service suggesting that the increase may be more about how the CA model functions rather than actual usage.)

Another approach could involve using deferral mechanisms to spread the increase more evenly over time. Hydro 2000 will continue to work closely with the town to explain what's driving the increase and exploring solutions.

Q41 In the RTSR model, LV Rate tab, it appears the volumes for USL and Street Lighting have been reversed. (Cell D42 and D43). Please correct.

Q41 Response: the consumption and demand has been corrected in the RTSR filed with these responses.

Q42 As part of its 2020 cost of service Settlement proposal, Hydro 2000 committed to continue exploring possible solutions to lowering its line losses. Please elaborate with respect to any steps that have been taken to address line losses.

Q42 Response: Hydro 2000 is still committed to exploring the issue of line losses, but limited resources have made it difficult to move forward with a formal study. In 2025, the utility plans to take steps to explore practical, budget-conscious solutions.

First, Hydro 2000 will inquire with its third-party operator, Sproule Powerlines, to see if any maintenance or system improvements could help reduce losses. It also plans to check in with neighboring utilities to see if a general system assessment can be done without the high cost of a full study.

Lastly, Hydro 2000 is open to working with Stantec, a company already familiar with its system, to explore options for a line loss study when finances permit.

Hydro 2000 notes that it did not include costs for such as study in its budgets.

Q43 OEB staff has compiled the following table which shows there are \$39,098 difference of Other regulatory assets between the amount showing on 2023 F/S Notes 7 and 2.1.7 on the DVA Continuity. Please explain this variance and update the evidence as applicable.

	LV Variance	Other regulatory assets*	PILs	Amounts recoverable from clients**	RSVA	Total
2023 Financial Statements (Notes 7)	82,691	76,747	28,288	92,225	53,664	333,615
2.1.7 RRR (DVA Cont, Tab 2a, 2b)	82,691	37,649	28,288	92,225	53,664	294,516
Difference	0	39,099	0	0	0	39,099

*Other regulatory assets: Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account (Group 1), All of Group 2 accounts (except Account 1592 PILs and Tax Variance for 2006 and Subsequent Years).

**Amount recoverable from clients: all the Account 1595 Sub accounts in Tab 2a

Q43 Response: The difference of \$39,099 consists of 1460 (\$30,531) which contains costs related to Cost of Service which are amortized over 48 months and account 1567 (\$8,568) which relates to CDM conservation programs.

Re: Pole Attachment Revenue Variance Account:

Q44 a) The following table shows Table 4 in Ex 9 does not match the DVA Continuity. Specifically, as of December 2023, there is \$11,393 principal difference and \$573 interest difference between Exhibit 9 and DVA continuity.

	EX9-Table 4		DVA Continuity Tab 2b		Difference	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	a	b	c	d	a-c	b-d
2022 Activity	3402.45	(54.00)	(3402.45)	(54.00)		
2022 End Bal	(1581.46)	(112.95)	(8415.88)	(112.92)	6834.42	(0.03)
2023 Activity	2279.30	(25.99)	(2279.30)	(563.04)		
2023 End Bal	697.84	(138.94)	(10695.18)	(675.96)	11393.02	537.02

Please update Table 4, using the following format per Chapter 2 filing requirements.

44 a) Response: DVA continuity and table 4 have both been updated.

Year	H2000 2020 COS \$	Actual Charge	Incremental Charge	# of Poles	Incremental Revenue	Carrying Charges	Total
2019	0.00	7,246.30	7,246.30	120	6,781.52	-16.30	-481.08
2020	8,000.71	7,979.28	-21.43	120	-6,690.86	-18.76	-6,688.19
2021	8,000.71	8,036.90	36.19	120	-2,454.00	-47.20	-2,537.39
2022	8,000.71	7,176.00	-824.71	120	-6,681.16	-257.42	-6,113.87
2023	8,000.71	7,297.66	-703.05	120	-5,436.35	-893.10	-5,626.40
2024 Forecast	8,000.71	7,460.90	-539.81	120	-4,614.88	-1,177.42	-5,252.49
Jan to Apr 2025 Forecast						-294.71	-294.71

Total as of Apr 30, 2025		-2,704.91	-26,994.13
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Q44 c) Please reconcile Table 4 above with the DVA continuity.

Q44 c) Response: DVA continuity and table 4 have both been updated.

Q44 d) In DVA continuity Appendix A, Hydro 2000 states that the variance of (\$6,205) is due to pole revenues are calculated up to end of 2025 as required. Please forecast the revenue and interest up to April 30, 2025 as indicated in the table above given that the effective date of the new rate will start from May 1, 2025.

Q44 d) Response: Table 4 has been updated.

Q44 e) The total claim incl interest of pole attachment in Table 3 of Exhibit 9 shows a debit amount of \$2,256 while the [DVA continuity](#) shows a credit amount of \$12,100. Please confirm the correct amount of pole attachment Hydro 2000 is seeking for disposition in this proceeding and update the evidence accordingly.

Q44 e) Response: DVA continuity and table 4 have both been updated.

Q44 f) Please provide the working excel worksheet entitled B-2024-0030-1508 Pole Attachement.xls as mentioned in Exhibit 9.

Q44 f) Response: The worksheet is filed along with these responses

Re: DVA Continuity

Ref 1: [2020 DVA Continuity Schedule Settlement 20200804](#), Tab 2a & 2b

Ref 2: [Dec order Hydro 2000 20200924](#), section 4.2, Table 21, p.50

Ref 3: [DVA Continuity_20241126](#), Tab 2b

Preamble:

Per Ref 1 and Ref 2, OEB staff has compiled the following table showing the DVA balances for disposition:

Account Name	Account Number	Principal	Carrying Charge	Total Claim	Reference
LV Variance Account	1550	55,269	765	56,034	Ref 2
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	508	15	523	Ref 2
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	554	(56)	498	Ref 2
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	9,749	173	9,922	Ref 2
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	8,717	122	8,839	Ref 2
Total Group 1		74,797	1,019	75,815	Ref 3
Other Regulatory Assets - Sub-Account - Deferred IFRS Transition Costs	1508	45,015	3,854	48,869	Ref 2
Pole Attachment Revenue Variance	1508	(631)	(21)	(652)	Ref 2
Total for Group 2 accounts		44,384	3,833	48,217	Ref 3
LRAMVA	1568	1,674	20,841	22,515	Ref 2
Accounting Changes Under CGAAP Balance + Return Component	1576	(28,538)	0	(28,538)	Ref 2
Total approved disposition during 2020		92,317	25,693	118,010	

Q45 a) In DVA continuity, Hydro 2000 transferred \$111,486 principal amount (OEB approved \$92,317) and \$6,526 interest amount (OEB approved \$25,693) to Account 1595-sub account 2020. Please explain the variance between the amount transferred to Account 1595-sub account 2020 in DVA continuity and the OEB approved amount per the table above.

Q45 a) Response: The amount for 1568 submitted in the LRAM model in the 2020 application were \$20,841 for principal and \$1,674 for carrying charges. Both amounts have been misplaced in the table above. In the decision stated above, only the totals for each accounts are shown. There are no amounts for principal and carrying charges.

Q45 b) Please explain why Hydro 2000 does not indicate the OEB approved disposition in the DVA continuity (Tab 2b) based on the table above for both principal and interest amount of Account 1568-LRAM and Account 1576-Accounting Changes Under CGAAP Balance + Return Component.

Q45 b) Response: DVA Continuity has been updated.

Q45 c) Per Ref 1 and Ref 3, OEB staff has compiled the following table. Please explain why the beginning balances of both Account 1568-LRAM and Account 1576-Accounting Changes Under CGAAP Balance + Return Component do not match the ending balance of the last COS proceeding.

Q45 c) Response: DVA Continuity has been updated.

	2018 Ending (Ref 1)		2018 Ending (DVA Continuity)	
	principal	interest	principal	interest
Account 1568-LRAM	1,674	20,841	0	0
Account 1576-Accounting Changes Under CGAAP Balance + Return Component	(28,538)	0	(19,504)	0

Q45 d) Please update and resubmit the DVA continuity based on the findings above.

Q45 d) Response: DVA Continuity has been updated. For account 1568, it should be \$20,841 for Principal and \$1,674 for Carrying Charges.

Q46 Hydro 2000 uses OEB prescribed interest rates up to Q3 2024 in DVA Continuity Schedule (column BQ in both Tab 2a and 2b). Please update the applicable schedules using the OEB prescribed Q4 2024 rates.

Q46 Response: Changes have been made to the continuity schedule

Deferral and Variance Accounts

Q47 In DVA Continuity (Tab 7), Hydro 2000 indicates the rate rider recovery period is 24 months. In Exhibit 9 (section 9.2.5), Hydro 2000 states that it is seeking a one-year disposition period. Please confirm the correct rate rider recovery period and updated the evidence as applicable. If 24 months, please provide an explanation as to why Hydro 2000 is seeking a 24-month disposition period.

Q47 Response: Hydro 2000 confirms that the intent is to dispose of the DVA balances over a 2-year period. This was in an effort to minimize bill impacts over the 10% threshold. Hydro 2000 notes that it would be open to exploring the ability to dispose of Group 2 over 2 years and Group 1 over a single year if the model had that ability.

Q48 OEB staff notes there is no activity recorded in Account 1508 sub -account Retail Service Charge Incremental Revenue. Please confirm Hydro 2000 proposes to discontinue using this account on a going forward basis.

Q48 Response: Confirmed. Hydro 2000 is agreeable to discontinuing the use of 1508-Retail Service Charge Incremental Revenue, going forward.

Re: Cloud DVA:

- Ref 1: EB-003-2023, Accounting Order, November 2, 2023¹
Ref 2: Cloud Computing Implementation Q&A Document, PDF, February 2024²
Ref 3: EB-2024-0063, Notice, March 6, 2024

On November 2, 2023, the OEB issued the Accounting Order (003-2023) for the Establishment of a Deferral Account to Record Incremental Cloud Computing Arrangement Implementation Costs (Cloud Computing Implementation Report). The Cloud Computing Implementation Report noted that the Cloud Computing Implementation Account is generally intended to record cloud computing implementation costs when utilities first transition from on-premise solutions to cloud computing. In February 2024, the OEB hosted a webinar and Q&A session related to the Accounting Order for the establishment of a deferral account to record cloud computing arrangement implementation costs and issued a Q&A document.

On March 6, 2024, the OEB commenced a generic hearing (EB-2024-0063) on its own motion to consider cost of capital and other matters, including those related to the OEB's Cloud Computing Deferral Account (e.g., what type of interest rate, if any, should apply to this deferral account).

Q49 Please confirm whether Hydro 2000 has considered cloud computing solutions in its rebasing term and whether any amounts have been included in its forecast.

Q49 Response : Hydro 2000 does not directly subscribe to or utilize cloud computing services. While certain Hydro 2000 suppliers may employ cloud-based technologies to support their own operations, any associated costs are embedded within their standard service fees and remain outside Hydro 2000's direct oversight or control.

¹ [EB-003-2023, Accounting Order, November 2, 2023](#)

² [Cloud Computing Implementation Q&A Document, PDF, February 2024](#)

Re: GOCA:

Ref 1: The OEB's Decision and Order for Getting Ontario Connected Act Variance Account, October 31, 2023.

On October 31, 2023, the OEB issued a decision and order EB-2023-0143 for Getting Ontario Connected Act Variance Account (GOCA variance account). The decision states that:

The OEB notes that the GOCA variance account will only be available to a utility until the end of its current IRM period. The account is not available for utilities that have reflected Bill 93 in their most recent rebasing applications. The disposition of any balance in this account will be subject to a prudence review and a requirement to establish that any cost incurred over and above what is provided for in initial and IRM adjusted base rates is an incremental cost resulting from Bill 93.

Q50 a) Please confirm that the OM&A cost in the test year reflect any anticipated Bill 93 impacts for the Hydro 2000's locate costs.

Q50 b) Please confirm that the Account 1508 sub-account GOCA variance account is to be discontinued after this rebasing application and update the evidence accordingly.

Q50 a) and Q50 b) Response: Hydro 2000 does not anticipate using the GOCA variance account and confirms that Sproule Powerline is fully equipped to comply with GOCA related requirements with no additional costs anticipated to meet these requirements effectively.

Other

Q51 It is noted that Hydro 2000 declined to undertake formal customer engagement activities as part of its application preparation given the high cost of customer engagement for a company as small as Hydro 2000 and the relatively modest benefit of any such engagement.

Please identify, if possible, any other activities that Hydro 2000 has decided not to pursue given the cost of such activities and the modest benefits of those activities in relation to Hydro 2000's limited size.

Q51 Response:

That is correct. Hydro 2000 opted out of a formal customers engagement activities in the preparation phase of this application. For a small utility with limited resources, the costs of formal engagement can be significant, and the benefits may not always outweigh the resources required. Instead, Hydro 2000 ensures customer concerns are addressed through ongoing, day-to-day communication. As also explained in the application, sharing detailed plans or budgets during the application's preparation phase could be potentially confusing for customers. These elements tend to evolve throughout the process, and presenting early bill impacts could lead to frustration if they were to change later.

Thus far, Hydro 2000 has fully complied and met all policies and requirements set by the OEB and the Ministry of Energy, with one exception: updating its demand profiles for its cost allocation, which Hydro 2000 will continue to explore going forward. With respect to specific non-discretionary activities, Hydro 2000 considered commissioning a Utility Load Flow Study as it did in the preparation of its 2020 application. However, given that the utility's practices and reliability have remained consistent over the past 5 years, (excluding the Derecho storm in 2022), Hydro 2000 determined that the expense wasn't justifiable at this time, though it acknowledges the study could have provided value with respect to line losses. Hydro 2000 will continue to explore options for such a studies if it deems it necessary.

Q52 Please update RPP Pricing, OER and regulatory charges in all applicable models.

Q52 Response: Hydro 2000 confirms that the parameters have been updated to reflect the most up to date information.

Hydro 2000

Pole # Red/ White	Pole # Silver	Location		Length	Class	Year	Phase	Transfo	Streetlight	Lamp Watts	Tel-Phone	Catv	Pole Type	Pole Owner	Comments
		Civic Address N=North E=East S=South W=West F=Front C=Corner B=Between A=Across	Street Or 911 Address To The Right Of Light (Looking From Street)												
58	135	76-A	Albert, Alfred	35	C5	1986	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	
46	134	412-A	Albert-Lamarche, Alfred	35	C5	1987	1				T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Hammer Good, Premature Decay @ Base.
75	142	400-A	Albert-Lamarche, Alfred	35	C4	2004	0		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
181	24	64-N	Alexandre, Alfred	30	C5	1970	0				T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
205	23	58-S	Alexandre, Alfred	30	C5	1970	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
532		589-F	Bolt, Alfred												90' Drill, Dip, Premature Decay, Replacement Recommended
71	38	569-573	Bolt, Alfred	30	C5	?	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Old Pole, Hammer Test Good, Budget Change
138	54	596-F	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5		3				T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Old Pole, Still Good, Hammer Test Good
166	31	588-F	Bolt, Alfred	40	C4	2007	3				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
173	32	588-A	Bolt, Alfred	30	C5	1958	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
175	48	533-S	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5	1948	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Old Pole, Hammer Test Good, Budget Change
176	52	515-An	Bolt, Alfred	45	C5	1987	1	25					W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
177	49	529-A	Bolt, Alfred	45	C5	2016	1	50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Newer Pole
179	39	564-F	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5		1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
180	42	552	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1975	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Internal Decay, 27%, Hammer Test Weak.
199	50	527-N	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5	1993	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
200	33	584-580	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1985	3	35	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
201	51	519-An	Bolt, Alfred	45	C5	1987	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
202	47	543-An	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1985	1	50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
203	41	560-N	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1977	1	50			T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
214	28	591-593	Bolt, Alfred	30	C5	1969	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
220	40	568-N	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5	1992	0				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
224	46	543-N	Bolt, Alfred	30	C5	2019	0	0			T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
226	53	515-N	Bolt, Alfred	35	C5		0				T	C	W	L	No Drill, Pole Rotten @ Base, Service Pole, 2 Dips
237	45	548-N	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1988	1	25			T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
Sw29	34	580-578	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1985	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	Switch, No Register On Drill, Base Rotten, Replace
Sw99	35	576-572	Bolt, Alfred	40	C5	1985	3/1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, (Pole Undersized) Dips, Hammer Good.
Sw23	78	38-S	Bourgeois, Alfred	40	C5		2		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
110	77	595	Butterfield, Alfred	40	C5	1979	1	100	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
135	73	549-F	Butterfield, Alfred	40	C5	1963			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Base Decayed, Hammer Test Weak.
165	30	592-F	Chatelain, Alfred	40	C3		0							0	Only One Pole On This Street., Padmount Transformers, Appartments Buildings ???
219	29	590-A	Chatelain, Alfred	35	C5	2007	0		Hps 150				W	O	Only One Pole On This Street., Padmount Transformers, Appartments Buildings ???
Sw51	37	Projet Chatelain	Chatelain, Alfred	40	C5	1990	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	No Drill, Primary Dip Pole, Rotten @ Base
36	91	4549	County 17, Alfred				0				T	C	W	B	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
7		4521-F	County Road 17, Alfred				50				T	C	W	B	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
182	156	25-N	Du Moulin, Alfred	45	C-3	2011	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
189	161	61-Back	Du Moulin, Alfred	30	C-5	1982	1				T	C	W	L	Guy Pole, 90' Drill, Infested With Ants., Test Yearly Or Sooner
191	160	61-Back	Du Moulin, Alfred	45	C-3	2014	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
230	157	42-A	Du Moulin, Alfred	45	C-4	1999	1	100	Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
231	162	61-Back	Du Moulin, Alfred	45	C-3	2014	25				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
Sw46	159	61-A	Du Moulin, Alfred	40	C-5	1999	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
169	158	55-F	Dumoulin, Alfred	40	C-5	1999	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
118	14	37-F	Fournier, Alfred	40	C5	1971	1	50			T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
143	15	31-F	Fournier, Alfred	35	C5	1988	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
109	74	23	Johnston, Alfred	40	C4	2018	2	75	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test, Good Pole
117	68	31	Johnston, Alfred	40	C-4	2018			Led	70	T	C	W	B	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
134	75	15	Johnston, Alfred	45	C5	??	2/1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Does Not Sound Good, (Budget)
139	76	21-W	Johnston, Alfred	40	C5	1988	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
65	128	441-F	Landriault, Alfred	40	C5	1990	1	100	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Pole
72	126		Landriault, Alfred	35	C5	1990			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
74	127	442-A	Landriault, Alfred	40	C-5	1980	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Base Decayed, Hammer Test Weak, (Budget)
Sw	125	406-A	Landriault, Alfred	40	C-5		1				T	C	W	L	Civic 406A Landrault Doesn't Exist, Cannot Find Pole.
Sw20	124	454-A	Landriault, Alfred	45	C-4	2002	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Newer Pole, Hammer Test Good
Sw58	129	429-F	Landriault, Alfred	40	C-5	1990	1				T	C	W	L	Switch- 90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
42	140	30-F	Laniet, Alfred	40	C5		3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
44	138	57-S	Laniet, Alfred	40	C4	2011	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Newer Pole, Hammer Test Good
45	136	71-F	Laniet, Alfred	40	4	2023	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, New Pole, Please Advise Bell To Transfer There Cable To New Pole.
56	141	30-N	Laniet, Alfred	40	C5		3	31	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Hammer Test Weak, Premature Decay @ Base, (Budget)
57	139	51	Laniet, Alfred	45	C5	1997	3/1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
98	137	71-N	Laniet, Alfred	35	C5	2023	1	6	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, New Pole, Hammer Test Good
3	117	25-S	Larocque, Alfred	40	C5	1975	1	42	Led	105	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
4	119	75-N	Larocque, Alfred	40	C5	1976	1	28			T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
38	118	39-S	Larocque, Alfred	40	C5	1976	1				T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
39	122		Larocque, Alfred	40	C5	Nov-19	1	27	Led	105			W	L	90' Drill, Newer Pole, Hammer Test Good
43	120	75-W	Larocque, Alfred	35	C5	1980	1		Led	105	T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill, Hammer Test Weak, Internal Decay, (Budget)
441	123		Larocque, Alfred	35	C-5	1985	1	50			T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole., Back Of Motel.
Sw27	116	25-N	Larocque, Alfred	35	C5	1974	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole, Switch 27
144	6	54-F	Leduc, Alfred	35	C3	??	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Old Pole
147	4	76-A	Leduc, Alfred	35	C5	2000	0		Led	70	T	C	W	O	90' Drill, Newer Pole, Hammer Test Good
149	3	78-F	Leduc, Alfred	40	C5	1974	1	100	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
153	1	85-A	Leduc, Alfred	40	C5	1983	1	50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Old Pole
157	2	80-82	Leduc, Alfred	40	C3	1977	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dips, Good Pole, Hammer Test Good
128	5	60-66-A	Leduc, Alfred	35	C5	1974	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test, Good Old Pole

136	60	512-480-A	Telegraph, Alfred	45	C4	2019	3		Led	70	T	C	W	B	Back Of Valu-Mart., 45' Drill, Hammer Test Good,
140	90	394	Telegraph, Alfred	45	C4	2005	3	50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
141	87	352-A	Telegraph, Alfred	45	C4	1980	3	75	Led	105	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw13	65	544-F	Telegraph, Alfred	40	C5	1982	3/2		Led	70	T	C	W	B	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw24	57	446-A	Telegraph, Alfred	40	C4	2001	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	Switch, 90' Drill, Hammer Good, Good Pole
Sw59	88	372-A	Telegraph, Alfred	40	C5	1980	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	Switch, 90' Drill, Hammer Good, Good Pole

486	240	650-F	Eglise, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1965	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
487	247	535-A	Eglise, Plantagenet	40	C-5	Dec-20	3	25	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw26	239	410-S	Eglise, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1998	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
167	306	747-An	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1976	1						W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
239	302	710-A	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1969	1	46					W	L	No Drill, Spl Changing Pole 19/8/2024
240	303	730-F	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1969							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole, Dip Service Needs To Be Attached To Pole (Hanging)
256	305	747-N	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1976	1						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
257	301	710-F	Gerard, Plantagenet	30	6	1954							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
259	304	747-S	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1976			Led	70			W	L	No Drill, Spl Changing Pole 19/8/2024
269	307	770-S	Gerard, Plantagenet	40	5	1975	1	50	Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
304	308	770-S	Gerard, Plantagenet	35	5	1976							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
470	365	176-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	1995	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
471	359	145	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	30	1	1978	3	50			T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
473	354	119	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	4	1975	3	25	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
475	362	160-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	Jan-21	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
477	353	112	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1988							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
479	364	167	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	1996	3				T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
504	368	184	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1953							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
508	355	125-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1961							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
509	352	113	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	4	??	3				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
510	349	100	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	2008							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
513	350	105	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	2002	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
539	367	191	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	1995	3	100	Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
540	356	125	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	4	1975	3				T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
546	351	108	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1993							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
547	357	133	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	4	1975	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
548	361	153	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	5	??	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
549	366	176	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1953							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
560	370	198-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	3	2000					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
577	360	153-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	5	1963							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
578	363	160	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	2000	3	T??					W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw36	369	198-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	5	1979	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
481	340	Marina Lalonde	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	2008	1						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
478	341	Marina Lalonde-A	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	4	2008	1	70					W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
512	342	End Of Jessops	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	35	5	1992	1						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
516	343	End Of Jessops	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	5	1992	1						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
544	344	C Parent	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	45	3	1992	1		Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw41	345	C Parent	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	40	5	1992	1						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Btwn Houses	358	136	Jessop'S Fall, Plantagenet	30	6	1960	3						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
352	282	275-F	Main, Plantagenet	40	5	??	3		Led	53	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
353	237	440-F	Main, Plantagenet	40	C-4	1960	3	25	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole, Vertical Groundcut
361	284	235-F	Main, Plantagenet	40	5	??	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
364	238	420-F	Main, Plantagenet	45	C-4	1988	3	72			T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
No #	288	235-A	Main, Plantagenet	45	4	1982	3	50					W	Conseil	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
377	285	255-F	Main, Plantagenet	40	4	1965	3	25	Led	53	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
380	236	485-F	Main, Plantagenet	45	C-4		3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
382	283	275-F	Main, Plantagenet	40	5	??	3		Led	53	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
375	287	Between School And Age Or	Main, Plantagenet	35	4	1963		54					W	Conseil	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw60	280	390-A	Main, Plantagenet	40	5	2015	3		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Newer Pole
366	230	520	Maria, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2000					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
395	229	535	Maria, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1986		35	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
424	183	F	Mary, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1988					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
430	184	750-F	Mary, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1985	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
484	182	755-A	Mary, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1986	0		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
498	185	751-F	Mary, Plantagenet	40	C-5						T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Base Rotten
590		756-S	Mary, Plantagenet	45	C-3	2019	1	100					W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
273	234	625-F	Nation, Plantagenet	45	C-4	1977	3	3X100			T	C	W	L	Cannot Test, Steel Guards All Around Pole
274	223	460-A	Nation, Plantagenet	45	C-3	2006		50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
281	233	625-A	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1977			Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
286	232	615-F	Nation, Plantagenet	30	C-5						T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
287	227	555-F	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1960					T	C	W	L	45' - 90' Drill, Tests Goodn Decay At Ground Level (Budget)
288	225	525	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1966	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
290	222	515-S	Nation, Plantagenet	45	C-3	2006	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
308	235	610-F	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1977					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
309	231	601-E	Nation, Plantagenet	45	C-4	2001	3	50	Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
310	228	575-F	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1966	1		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
311	226	555-A	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1960	1				T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Base Rotten
328	224	460-F	Nation, Plantagenet	30	C-5	1946					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
340		465	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-3	2022					T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Newer Pole
570		465-F	Nation, Plantagenet	35	C-3						T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
383	296	625-F	Old Highway 17, Plantagenet	35	5	??	1		Led	105	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
573	371	C	Old Hwy 17 & Pitch Off, Plantagenet	50	3	1998	3		Led	105	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
171	333	880-W	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	2022							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Newer Pole
183		931-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet										W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
185	338	937-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	1993							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole

186	334	905-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	2015		50						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
187	332	880-E	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	5	2015		49						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
188	330	839-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	2001								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
192	326	835-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	2023								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
193	325	825-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	??	??								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
196	323	800-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	C-4	2015		25						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
198	336	935-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	C-4	1993				Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
207		931-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	Nov-17								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
209	329	837-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	4	??	1	75						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
211		950-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	4	??	1	25						W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
234		931-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	4	??								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
241	327	835-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	5	1986	1	45						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
245	337	935-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	??								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
246	335	905-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	1987				Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
247	331	839-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	2022								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
248	328	837-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	4	1990								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
251		910-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	4	??	1	50						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
253	324	825-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	4	??	1	25		Led	105			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
262	322	800-E	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	1980								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
303	297	C-County 9	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	4	??	1			Led	105			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
333	393	380-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	4	2007		1	25		Led	105			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole< Needs Ground Rod,
342	395	200-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	3	1982		1	100						W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
343	396	150-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	5	1980					Led	101			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
345	398	181-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	4	1985			75						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
362	391	630-E	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	1965								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
389	389	630	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	4	1994	1	25			T	C		W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
391	390	630-A	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	1964				Led	105			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
502	321	750-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	45	2	1988		75		Led	105	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw15		961-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	??								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Sw33	388	621-F	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	35	5	1970				Led	105	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole, Requires Guy+Anchor
255	319	C-Comte (In Bush)	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	1988	1							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
210	320	C-Comte (In Bush)	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	40	5	1980	1							W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Old Hwy 17 Valoristub Pole	399	173	Old Hwy 17, Plantagenet	3	??									W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
372	288	C	Ottawa & Main, Plantagenet	40	5	2012	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
349	291	540-A	Ottawa, Plantagenet	45	4	1981	1	25		Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
385	290	565-F	Ottawa, Plantagenet	40	5	1974	1			Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
369	289	585	Ottawa, Plantagenet	40	5	1974	1			Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
474	346	100	Parent, Plantagenet	45	3	1992	3	75		Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
543	347	100-E	Parent, Plantagenet	45	4	??	3							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
480	348	100-S-A-	Parent, Plantagenet	40	4	1961	3				T	C		W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
338	385	475	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	35	5	1996								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
404	372	218-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	1970	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
405	384	475-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	35	5	1985				Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
468	376	257-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	2002	3							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
469	379	Ocwa-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	45	4	2001	3	301						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
506	373	215	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	35	5	1960	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole (Budget)
507	374	235	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	1979	3	25			T	C		W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
536	377	257-S	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	2001	3			Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
538	386	535-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	30	5	2022				Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
541	383	411-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	2022		302		Led	50			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
542	387	535-S	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	1984								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
555	375	245-A	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	1980	3							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
556	381	Ocwa-A-S	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	40	5	2002	1			Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
557	378	305	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	45	4	2002		15		Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
558	382	411	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	35	5	1985								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
Lift Stn	380	Ocwa	Pitch Off, Plantagenet	35	5	1970								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Old Pole
421	179	637-W	Station, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1973								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
423	165	819-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2012								W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
425	167	813-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2008					T			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
426	171	805-A	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2008					T	C		W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
432	175	725-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1976	3				T	C		W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
436	173	755-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1976	1				T	C		W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
444	174	756-A	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5		3/1				T	C		W	L	Pole Rotten At Base (Replace)
488	176	750-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1951	1			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
489	170	807-A	Station, Plantagenet	45	C-4	1998	1				T	C		W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
493	169	807-F	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2008					T			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
495	166	819-A	Station, Plantagenet	45	C-4	1996	1	50			T			W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
497	177	750-A	Station, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1972	3							W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
499	168	812-F	Station, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1976	1			Led	70	T		W	L	90' Drill, Dip, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
553	180	635-E	Station, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1973				Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
496	172	785-F	Station, Plantagenet	45	C-4	2007	1	50						W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
263	192	668-N	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1967	3			Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
277	220	522-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1983	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
280	200	626	Water, Plantagenet	45	C-4	2018	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
291	218	562-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1985	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
292	216	584-F	Water, Plantagenet	50	C-4	1980	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole

297	202	617-F	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	2005								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
298	199	635	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-5								T	C	W	L	90'+45' Drill Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
299	194	662-656	Water, Plantagenet				3	33		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
301	197	642-650	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-4	1980	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
317	198	632-636	Water, Plantagenet	45	C-3	2022	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
318	195	Front Garage Ucsb	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-4	1980									W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
322	201	608	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1982	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
323	203	600	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1980	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
326	217	570-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-4	1980	3	11		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
327	219	550-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	2023	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
329	221	510-F	Water, Plantagenet	45	C-3	2018		12		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
346	193	668-A	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-5	1976								W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
347	188	680-S	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	2000	3			Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
367	191	670-S	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1967	3			Led	70			W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
368	189	680-A	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-5	1949		50						W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
376	190	674-680	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1967	3	1						W	L	45' Drill, Tests Good Premature Decay At Ground Level (Budget)	
417	248	425-A	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1985	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
418	254	340-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-3	1970	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
429	249	425-A	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	1985	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
431	259	253-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5	2007	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
490	252	370-F	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-3	1988	3	50					T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
492	250	425-F	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-5	1959							T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
550	258	280-A	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1957	3	50		Led	70	T	C	W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole, Vertical Ground Needs Repair	
551	255	315-A	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-4	1996	3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
552	257	295-A	Water, Plantagenet	30	C-4	2008								W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
Sw34	196	650-F	Water, Plantagenet				3						T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole, Switch
Sw37	251	90	Water, Plantagenet	40	C-5		3			Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Base Rotten Switch	
Rbc No#	256	295-F	Water, Plantagenet	35	C-5	1976	3	3X50		Led	70	T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole No Red #	
Field	253	395	Water, Plantagenet In Field @ Back(??)	35	C-5								T	C	W	L	90' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole
264	187	Water Triangle		40	C-5	1988	3			Led	70			W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	
407	397	Pharmacie		5	1989									W	L	45' Drill, Hammer Test Good, Good Pole	

Q53 Please confirm the date by which Hydro 2000 would need rate approval in order to implement rates effective May 1, 2025.

Q53 Response: The utility would need an approval date no later than May 15, 2025, to allow for the rates to be implemented in the system and tested appropriately.
