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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.
Application for Disposition and Consolidation of Deferral and Variance
Accounts
OEB File Number: EB-2024-0309**

In accordance with the Decision and Order dated May 22, 2025, please find attached OEB staff's submission on the draft Rate Order.

Yours truly,

Michael Bell
Senior Advisor, Application Policy & Conservation

Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2024-0309



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OEB Staff Submission

Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.

**Application for Disposition and Consolidation of Deferral and
Variance Accounts
EB-2024-0309**

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Background

On February 11, 2025, NT Power filed an application with the OEB under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The application sought approval to dispose of certain Group 2 Deferral and Variance Account (DVA) balances and to consolidate all Group 1 and Group 2 DVAs for its two rate zones, the Midland rate zone (MRZ) and the Newmarket-Tay rate zone (NTRZ).

On May 22, 2025, the OEB issued its Decision and Order¹ on the application. Among other things, the Decision and Order provided a process for the filing of a draft Rate Order. On May 23, 2025, NT Power filed a draft Rate Order.²

The OEB approved NT Power's request to consolidate its Group 1 and Group 2 DVAs, effective January 1, 2025, and to dispose of certain Group 2 DVA balances established by rate zone as of December 31, 2024, with two modifications:

- Account 1508, Sub-account OEB Cost Assessment, for which the OEB directed NT Power to recalculate the balance using IRM escalated base amounts, and to recalculate associated carrying charges
- Account 1557 – Meter Cost Deferral Account (Metering Inside the Settlement Timeframe, referred to as MIST), which will be disposed of using rate riders spread over three years

All other balances proposed for disposition were approved. The OEB also accepted the use of unaudited 2024 balances and found that the materiality threshold does not prevent disposition in the specific circumstances of this case.

Draft Rate Order

NT Power stated that it has revised the balances for Account 1508, Sub-account OEB Cost Assessment and Account 1557 – MIST that are to be disposed, and the resulting rate riders, as per the OEB's decision. NT Power provided an updated proposed tariff of rates and charges in Appendix A and B and updated DVA Continuity Schedules (Appendix C and D) that reflected the OEB's findings.

NT Power has included the 2025 MIST balance for disposition as part of the Group 2 rider on the proposed May 1st tariff. NT Power has also provided the monthly rate riders relating to the 2026 and 2027 MIST amounts that will be recovered through Group 2 rate riders effective January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, respectively. NT Power has confirmed that the 2026 and 2027 rate riders are the same since the 2026 and 2027

¹ [EB-2024-0309, Decision and Order, May 22, 2025](#)

² EB-2024-0309, Draft Rate Order, May 23, 2025.

MIST amounts are the same.

NT Power stated that it will discontinue the legacy Group 2 accounts after the disposition of balances and will discontinue Account 1557- MIST after the disposition of the 2027 amount.

NT Power stated that it also will consolidate all Group 1 and 2 accounts, effective January 1, 2025.

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff has reviewed the draft Rate Order filed by NT Power and submits that it is consistent with the findings set out in the Decision and Order.

OEB staff notes that NT Power will begin its implementation process for bills effective May 1, 2025 very soon and that NT Power expects to file its reply on any comments on the draft Rate Order by May 30, 2025. NT Power stated that it would appreciate a final decision and rate order by June 6, 2025 at the latest, so that it can render bills effective May 1, 2025.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~