

**Renfrew Hydro Inc. (RHI)**  
**OEB Staff Questions**  
**EB-2025-0011**

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**Staff Question – 1**

**Reference:** *2026 IRM Application PDF, page 16 of 67*

**Preamble:**

The balance of RHI's Group 1 Deferral and Variance accounts total (\$27,090) or (\$0.0003) per kWh. RHI is electing to dispose of the Group 1 account balances even though the balance is below the threshold. This annual systematic disposal approach will mitigate inter-generational inequities and prevent the accumulation of large individual account balances. The default disposition period of one year has been used to calculate the rate riders.

**Question(s):**

- a. Please provide additional reasoning for the request for Group 1 DVA accounts disposal.
- b. Please provide the alternative bill impact without the proposed disposition of the Group 1 account balances.

**Staff Question – 2**

**Reference:** *2026 IRM Rate Generator Model Excel, "Billing Det. For Def-Var" tab 4*

**Preamble:**

In the reference above, RHI provides the Proportion of 1595 Recovery for vintage year 2022. OEB staff notes that the vintage year 2022 was not used.

for 2026 Filers										1595 Recovery Proportion (2022) †		1568 IRAM Variance Account Class Allocation (\$ amounts)	Number of Customers for Residential and GS<50 classes ‡
Rate Class	Unit	Total Metered kWh	Total Metered kW	Metered kWh for Non-RPP Customers (excluding WMP)	Metered kW for Non-RPP Customers (excluding WMP)	Metered kWh for Wholesale Market Participants (WMP)	Metered kW for Wholesale Market Participants (WMP)	Total Metered kWh less WMP consumption (if applicable)	Total Metered kW less WMP consumption (if applicable)	1595 Recovery Proportion (2022) †	1568 IRAM Variance Account Class Allocation (\$ amounts)	Number of Customers for Residential and GS<50 classes ‡	
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	30,805,589	0	235,258	0			30,805,589	0	27%		3,920	
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	11,334,065	0	2,168,465	0			11,334,065	0	33%		455	
GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	44,617,214	107,124	39,405,891	107,124			44,617,214	107,124	57%		43	
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	271,724	0	271,724	0			271,724	0	0%		36	
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	389,921	1,078	389,921	1,078			389,921	1,078	2%		1,198	
<b>Total</b>		<b>87,418,513</b>	<b>108,202</b>	<b>42,471,239</b>	<b>108,202</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87,418,513</b>	<b>108,202</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>5,652</b>	

**Threshold Test**  
 Total Claim (including Account 1568) (\$27,090)  
 Total Claim for Threshold Test (All Group 1 Accounts) (\$27,090)  
 Threshold Test (Total claim per kWh) † (\$0.0003) claim does not meet the threshold test.

As per Section 3.2.5 of the 2019 Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications, an applicant may elect to dispose of the Group 1 account balances below the threshold. If doing so, please select YES from the adjacent drop-down cell and also indicate so in the Manager's Summary. If not, please select NO.

YES

**Question(s):**

- a. Please clarify what the allocation proportion is based on.
- b. Please verify and update the 1595 Recovery Proportion, as necessary.

**Staff Question – 3**

**Reference:** RRR data submitted by RHI

**Preamble:**

OEB staff was notified via email by RHI for submitting errors in the RRR that will be corrected and have an impact on its Rate Generator Model.

**Question(s):**

- a. Please verify that RHI's RRR data matches the RRR data contained in its 2026 IRM Rate Generator Model. If not, please update the model if necessary.

**Staff Question – 4**

**Reference:** 2026 IRM Rate Generator Model Excel, "Continuity Schedule" tab 3

**Preamble:**

On September 11, 2025, the OEB published the 2025 Quarter 4 prescribed accounting interest rates applicable to the carrying charges of deferral, variance and construction work in progress (CWIP) accounts of natural gas utilities, electricity distributors and other rate-regulated entities.

**Question(s):**

- a. Please confirm that Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) reflects the Q4 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.91%. If not, please update Tab 3, as necessary.

**Staff Interrogatory – 5**

**Question(s):**

- a. In the instance the OEB releases any updated rates/charges (e.g., 2026 Uniform Transmission Rates) before RHI provides its responses to OEB staff's questions, please update the Rate Generator Model, as applicable, and identify the rates/charges that were updated.