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Ritchie Murray
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2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
Application for 2026 Electricity Distribution Rates
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File Number: EB-2025-0049**

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, please find attached the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff interrogatories in the above proceeding. The applicant has been copied on this filing.

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.'s responses to interrogatories are due by October 15, 2025.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Kelli Benincasa at Kelli.Benincasa@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7624. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Kelli Benincasa

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**OEB Staff Interrogatories
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
EB-2025-0049**

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Staff Interrogatory-1

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model Tabs 1, 12, 13 and 14

Preamble:

On Tab 1 (Row 53) Centre Wellington Hydro has indicated its is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One). On Tabs 12, 13 and 14 there are no billing details entered for the IESO sections. This indicates Centre Wellington Hydro is fully embedded in Hydro One.

Question(s):

- a. OEB staff has updated Tab 1 to fully embedded within Hydro One. Please confirm this is correct.
- b. If Centre Wellington Hydro is in fact only partially embedded within Hydro One, please change Tab 1 back to partially embedded within Hydro One and update the IESO billing details for Tabs 12, 13 and 14.

Staff Interrogatory-2

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model Tabs 16.1

Preamble:

Starting in July, on Tab 16.1 Centre Wellington Hydro has added four new rates: (1) Rider Disposition CBR Class B, (2) Rider Grp 1 2024, (3) Rider Disp Acct 1595 and (4) Rider Grp 1 Non WMP 2024.

5	JULY								
7	MONTH	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE POINT	KW	RATE	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS	TOTAL CHARGE	COMMENTS	DELETE?
8		Monthly Service Charge	10313602, 10333796, 92205047			824.2800	3	2,472.84	
9		Meter Charge	10313602, 10333796, 92205047			417.5900	2	835.18	
10		Specific St Lines	10333796	5.24	655.2453			3,433.49	
11		Common ST Lines	10069833	28,190.97	1.6301			45,954.10	
12		Rider-DVA Group 1	10069833	28,190.97	-0.1340			-3,777.59	
13		Rider-DVA Group 2	10069833	28,190.97	-0.0363			-1,023.33	
14		Rider-DVA Group 2 different rate	10069833	28,190.97	0.0291			820.36	
15		Rider-DVA Group 1 Non WMP	10069833	28,190.97	-0.1880			-5,299.90	
16		Rider Disposition CBR Class B	10069833	28,190.97	-0.2481			-6,994.18	
17		Rider Disp Grp 1 2024	10069833	28,190.97	0.4094			11,541.38	
18		Rider Disp Acct 1595	10069833	28,190.97	-0.0241			-679.40	
19		Rider Disp Grp 1 Non WMP 2024	10069833	28,190.97	0.3400			9,584.93	
20	Total							56,867.87	

Question(s):

- Please explain why these new rates were added July through to December.
- Please update Tab 16.1, if necessary, for any errors or omissions.

Staff Interrogatory-3

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model Tabs 21

Ref 2: Manger's Summary p 26

Preamble:

On page 26 of the Centre Wellington Hydro's Manager Summary it states

"CWH confirms that no class experiences a total bill impact exceeding 10%, and as such, no rate mitigation plan is required."

RATE CLASSES / CATEGORIES (eg: Residential TOU, Residential Retailer)	Units	Sub-Total						Total	
		A		B		C		Total Bill	
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 4.90	15.1%	\$ 4.75	11.8%	\$ 10.57	19.3%	\$ 10.56	7.9%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 10.98	16.1%	\$ 8.18	9.2%	\$ 22.44	18.1%	\$ 22.42	6.7%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 701.58	17.3%	\$ 262.83	3.9%	\$ 2,511.68	20.2%	\$ 2,838.20	3.6%
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 2.24	11.7%	\$ 2.57	11.8%	\$ 4.53	17.0%	\$ 4.53	8.1%
SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kW	\$ 191.60	14.8%	\$ 336.57	23.8%	\$ 499.12	27.4%	\$ 498.62	27.3%
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ (79.31)	-8.2%	\$ (82.70)	-7.4%	\$ 9.19	0.7%	\$ 10.38	0.2%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kWh	\$ 4.90	15.1%	\$ 5.73	12.7%	\$ 11.54	19.3%	\$ 13.04	6.3%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kWh	\$ 10.98	16.1%	\$ 10.78	10.6%	\$ 25.04	18.3%	\$ 28.29	5.3%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kW	\$ 701.58	17.3%	\$ 262.83	3.9%	\$ 2,511.68	20.2%	\$ 2,838.20	3.6%
SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kW	\$ 191.60	14.8%	\$ 336.61	23.8%	\$ 499.16	27.4%	\$ 564.05	27.2%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 2,946.01	17.6%	\$ 1,172.27	4.1%	\$ 10,810.19	20.4%	\$ 12,215.51	3.4%

Question(s):

- As highlighted above the Sentinel Lighting Rate Classification – RPP and Sentinel Lighting Rate Classification – Non-RPP (Retailer) have bill impacts above 27%. The main contributors are the ACM rate rider and the LV rate rider. Has Centre Wellington Hydro contacted these customers and made them aware of the large increase? If so, how did Centre Wellington Hydro contact these customers and what responses, if any received to date, did the customers provide?
- Please confirm RRR data of 23,070 kWh and 64 kW is correct.

- c) Has Centre Wellington Hydro considered rate mitigation for these rate classes? If so, what was considered and how does Centre Wellington propose to mitigate such bill impacts for these customers?

Staff Interrogatory-4

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 20 and 21

Ref 2: Manager's Summary p 5

Preamble:

Centre Wellington Hydro notes in its Managers Summary an error regarding the GS 50 – 4,999 kW class – the DVA Rate Rider for Group 2 accounts, with an expiry date of December 31, 2025. The rate rider is showing on the Proposed Tariff Sheet and is being used in the Bill Impact.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm OEB staff has updated the IRM Rate Generator Model correctly to address the error.

Staff Interrogatory-5

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model, 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 update Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) as necessary to reflect the Q4 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.91%.

Staff Interrogatory – 6

Ref 1: EB-2024-0063, OEB Letter, July 26, 2024

Ref 2: EB-2024-0063, OEB Letter, October 31, 2024

Ref 3: EB-2024-0063, Decision and Order, March 27, 2025, pp. 92

Ref 4: EB-2025-0019 CWH_2026_Manager_Summary_Aug 14, page. 21

Preamble:

On July 26, 2024, the OEB issued a Letter and Accounting Order establishing a variance account for the deemed short-term debt rate (DSTDR) related to the generic proceeding on cost of capital and other matters.

On October 31, 2024, the OEB issued a Letter and Accounting Orders establishing two variance accounts. One is the account regarding the return on equity (ROE) and the other is the account regarding deemed long-term debt rate (DLTDR), both related to the generic proceeding on cost of capital and other matters.

On March 27, 2025, the OEB issued its decision and order for the above-noted generic proceeding. The OEB addressed the variance accounts established by the above-noted Accounting Order and stated:

Utilities that implemented rates in 2025 using interim cost of capital parameters were granted variance accounts to record the difference between the revenue requirement at interim and final cost of capital parameters. The OEB will consider the disposition of these balances in both IRM and Custom IR update rate applications. The OEB will also consider applications to amend base rates to reflect any changes in revenue requirement for 2025, but only if there was no specific treatment previously approved by the OEB for the 2025 rate application. This approach will allow the variance accounts for 2025 to be disposed and closed.

Any adjustment to base rates should use only data from the final approved revenue requirement calculation and billing determinants (no updated forecast).

Per Ref 4, OEB staff notes that Centre Wellington Hydro has recorded the variance per Ref 3 through approved DVAs (i.e., DSTDR, DLTDR & ROE) starting January 1, 2025 and will propose for disposition in a future application.

Questions(s):

- a) Per Ref 3, please explain why Centre Wellington Hydro is not planning to dispose of the variance accounts relating to the DSTDR, DLTDR, and ROE, as applicable, as part of this application for 2026 rates.
- b) Please explain when Centre Wellington Hydro plans to dispose of these variance account(s).
- c) Please explain how Centre Wellington Hydro plans to mitigate generating significant balances in the variance account(s) and minimize intergenerational equity.

- d) If Centre Wellington Hydro decides that these variance accounts are being disposed in this application,
- i. Please submit the continuity schedule of these three accounts
 - ii. Please explain how the requirements of the OEB's March 27, 2025 decision and Accounting Orders have been addressed in the current application to dispose of these variance account(s) and confirm the accuracy of the balances in such variance accounts.

Staff Interrogatory-7

Ref 1: Centre Wellington Hydro EB-2025-0049 2026 ACM_ICM_Model_1.0_20250814, Tab 5 & 10

Ref 2: (EB-2024-0012) CWH_2025 Rev Reqt Workform DRO_20241210, Tab 3

Ref 3: (EB-2024-0012) CWH_2025 Chapter 2 DRO_20241210, 2BA

Preamble:

Per Ref 1 & 2, OEB staff has compiled Table 1 below showing the differences of revenue requirement inputs:

Description	Ref 1 (a)	Ref 2/3 (b)	Variance (b-a)
Gross Fixed Assets-Re-based Opening	\$33,427,827	\$33,874,551	\$446,724
Re-based Capital Additions	\$1,318,200	\$1,161,500	(\$156,700)
Accumulated Depreciation - Re-based Opening	\$14,829,487	\$14,893,600	\$64,113
Re-based Depreciation Expense	\$898,279	\$917,724	\$19,445
Working Capital Allowance Base	\$19,487,083	\$19,509,910	\$22,827

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm OEB staff's observations and update/resubmit Ref 1, as applicable.
- b) Per Ref 1, please fill in the current tax rate in Tab 10 and update the incremental revenue requirement.

Staff Interrogatory-8

Ref 1: EB-2025-0049 Manager Summary (Aug 14), Section 11.4

Ref 2: Centre Wellington Hydro EB-2025-0049 2026-IRM-Rate-Generator-Model_V1,
Tab 8 & 9

Preamble:

Per Ref 1, Centre Wellington Hydro states that Accounts 1588 and 1589 were last disposed on a final basis in EB-2025-0049 for the balance up to December 31, 2023.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that Account 1588 and 1589 were last disposed on a final basis in EB-2024-0012 for the balance up to December 31, 2023.
- b) Please complete Tab 8 & Tab 9 in Ref 2 which remains unfilled and resubmit it.

Staff Interrogatory-9

Ref 1: Centre Wellington Hydro EB-2025-0049 2026 ACM_ICM_Model_1.0_20250814,
Tab 3

Ref 2: (EB-2024-0012) CWH_2025_DVA_Continuity_Schedule DRO_20241210, Tab 4

Ref 3: EB-2025-0049 Manager Summary (Aug 14), Section 13

Ref 4: Chapter 3 Filing Requirements_20250619, Section 3.3.2.5

Preamble:

Per Ref 1 & 2, OEB staff has copied Table 2 below showing the differences of billing determinants:

Rate Class	Billed kWh	
	Ref 1	Ref 2
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW	68,944,551	71,416,143

Per Ref 3, Centre Wellington Hydro states that it has provided the ACM model results both with and without the application of accelerated CCA. OEB staff notes there is only one ACM model submitted in this application.

Per Ref 4, it states that the accelerated CCA should not be reflected in the ICM revenue requirement.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the Billed kWh variance between Ref 1&2 identified in Table 2 above.
- b) Please confirm whether the revenue requirement in the current ACM model is factored with accelerated CCA.
 - i. If yes, please explain why Centre Wellington Hydro reflects accelerated CCA in calculating the revenue requirement while it was not allowed per the filing requirements (Ref 4).

Staff Interrogatory-10

2026 CoC parameters update

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm Centre Wellington Hydro will update the ACM model based on 2026 Cost of Capital parameters when these parameters are to be issued in the fall.

Staff Interrogatory-11

Ref 1: IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1

Preamble:

On Tab 6.1 GA the Sentinel Lighting Service Classification Global Adjustment (GA) rate is calculated as \$0,0040 per kWh, where as every other rate class is calculated as \$0,0048 per kWh. Generally all rate classes are charged/refunded the same rate rider per kWh.

	Total Metered Non-RPP 2024 Consumption excluding WMP	Total Metered 2024 Consumption for Class A Customers that were Class A for the entire period GA balance accumulated	Total Metered 2024 Consumption for Customers that Transitioned Between Class A and B during the period GA balance accumulated	Non-RPP Metered 2024 Consumption for Current Class B Customers (Non-RPP Consumption excluding WMP, Class A and Transition Customers' Consumption)	% of total kWh	Total GA \$ allocated to Current Class B Customers	GA Rate Rider
	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh			
17 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	462,510	0	0	462,510	0.9%	\$2,231
18 GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	4,228,908	0	0	4,228,908	8.3%	\$20,398
19 GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	68,041,639	22,229,458	0	45,812,181	89.5%	\$220,977
20 UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	126,624	0	0	126,624	0.2%	\$611
21 SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	496	0	0	496	0.0%	\$2
22 STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	kWh	548,321	0	0	548,321	1.1%	\$2,645
23							
24							
25							
26							
27							
Total		73,408,498	22,229,458	0	51,179,040	100.0%	\$246,864

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm OEB staff has updated the model correctly, to have the Sentinel Lighting Service Classification GA rate rider adjusted to \$0.0048 per kWh.

Staff Interrogatory-12

Question(s):

- a) In the instance the OEB releases any updated rates / charges (e.g., 2026 Uniform Transmission Rates) before Centre Wellington Hydro provides its

responses to OEB staff's interrogatories, please update the Rate Generator Model, as applicable, and identify the rates / charges that were updated.

Staff Interrogatory-13

Ref 1: 2025 Cost of Service - Exhibit 2 Rate Base 2.6.6 New Policy Options for the Funding of Capital

Preamble:

Below is a table from Centre Wellington Hydro's 2025 Cost of Service for the expected costs to construct the Fergus MS-5 station.

Component	Summary
1) Property Costs	\$ 60,000
2) Engineering, Design, Construction Mgmt	\$ 180,500
3) Major equipment	\$ 1,573,600
4) Civil Construction	\$ 727,500
5) Electrical	\$ 296,000
6) Miscellaneous	\$ 55,000
7) NBH Staff Costs	\$ 25,000
Sub-Total	\$ 2,917,600
Contingency 15%	\$ 437,640
Total	\$ 3,355,240

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm the expected costs are still on track for the Fergus MS-5 station to go into service in Q1 2016. If not, please fill out the table below and provide commentary on any variance between actual and expected costs.

	Component	Cost of Service Expected Costs	Actual Costs
1)	Property Costs	\$60,000	
2)	Engineering Design and Construction Management	\$180,500	
3)	Major Equipment	\$1,573,600	

4)	Civil Construction	\$727,500	
5)	Electrical	\$296,000	
6)	Miscellaneous	\$55,000	
7)	NBH Staff Costs	\$25,000	
	Subtotal	\$2,917,600	
	Contingency 15%	\$437,640	
	Total	\$3,355,240	