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JT4.1

EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

1-Staff-5

1-SEC-8

UNDERTAKING(S):

Determine if a category of spending in the capital forecast exists that was not inflated year over year or adjusted year over year for inflation.

RESPONSE(S):

No, there were no categories of capital spending that were not adjusted by an inflation factor for the 2026-2030 rate term.

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JT4.2

EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

1-3-1 page 25 Table 8

2-Staff-77 28 & 29

2-SEC-33(A)

UNDERTAKING(S):

Explain discrepancy regarding in-service additions for capacity upgrades.

RESPONSE(S):

In response to providing details as to why in-service additions for capacity upgrades for 2029 as stated in Attachment 2-SEC-33(A) - OEB Appendix 2-AA - Capital Programs Table - In-Service Additions basis has not resulted in added capacity (MVA) in Table 8 of Schedule 1-3-1, it is because the capacity upgrades in-service additions in 2029 all relate to Distribution Capacity Upgrades (\$16.2M) and Non-Wires Upgrades (\$14.3M).

The spending within the Distribution Capacity Upgrades program is primarily dedicated to distribution feeder extensions. These investments are crucial for establishing feeder egress and facilitating the overall integration of new stations. Critically, while these feeder extensions help leverage the new capacity created by the stations, they do not add new capacity to the system itself. The spending within the Non-Wire Upgrades program is dedicated to adding capacity to the system through Utility-Owned Battery Energy Storage Solutions (BESS).

As noted in the response to undertaking JT1.29, Hydro Ottawa notes that Table 8 of Schedule 1-3-1 - Rate Setting Framework had assumed all utility-owned BESS would be energized in 2030. However, based on corrections provided in the response to interrogatory 2-Staff-111, Table B, the planned energization for the BESS systems are scheduled between 2028 and 2030. Consequently, Table A below, has been updated accordingly with the correct BESS in-service dates.

All capacity additions are accounted for when a new station or BESS is energized and are documented accordingly in Table A (updated version of Table 8 of Schedule 1-3-1 - Rate Setting Framework).

More details on the Capacity Upgrade Capital Program, including Station Capacity Upgrades, Distribution Capacity Upgrades, and Non-Wire Upgrades budget programs can be found in Section 2 of Schedule 2-5-8 - System Service Investments.

Table A - System Capacity 2025 - 2030 (MVA)

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Base and Incremental Capacity	2,128	2,228	2,353	2,632	2,640	2,723

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EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

1-3-3(G)

UNDERTAKING(S):

Explain or clarify why the number of customers increases from 358,901 to 364,334.

RESPONSE(S):

The 2023 value of 358,901 customers provided in Attachment 1-3-3(G) - OEB Benchmarking Spreadsheet Forecast Model, tab "Benchmarking Calculations", cell AQ36, was prepopulated in the OEB's Benchmarking Spreadsheet Forecast Model, and is not correct. This number does not reconcile with the customer numbers used in the 2023 Benchmarking Calculations, completed by Pacific Economics Group (PEG), and published by the OEB on its Performance Assessment website (2023 PEG model).¹ In the 2023 PEG model, tab "2023 Benchmarking Calculations", cell AP58, PEG reports 364,334 customers in 2023, which aligns with Hydro Ottawa's year end customer numbers as reported through the Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements (RRRs).

To align with Hydro Ottawa's actual customer count at the end of 2023 as reported in the 2023 PEG model and RRRs, the lookup formula was removed from Attachment 1-3-3(G) - OEB Benchmarking Spreadsheet Forecast Model, tab "Benchmarking Calculations", cell G36, and the 364,334 value was hardcoded. In the Original evidence, Hydro Ottawa added a note in Cell G36 stating "Source:

¹ Ontario Energy Board, "Performance Assessment,"
<https://oeb.ca/sites/default/files/Benchmarking%20Update%20Calculation%202024.xlsx>

- 1 OEB Benchmarking Update PEG Calculation 2024". Please note the referenced cell by OEB staff of
- 2 G128 during the Technical Conference is a formula that points to G36. This correction was included
- 3 in all filed PEG models.

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EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

9-Staff-214

UNDERTAKING(S):

File updated CCA schedules A and B attached to IRRS 9-Staff-214 to reflect updated UCC amount

RESPONSE(S):

Hydro Ottawa has updated the attachments provided in 9-Staff-214 to reflect the updated evidence as provided in the response to interrogatory 1-Staff-1.

Please see Attachment JT4.5(A) - CCA Schedule 2026 & 2027 No Accelerated CCA and Attachment JT4.5(B) - CCA Schedule 2026 & 2027 Accelerated CCA for updated CCA calculations for 2026 and 2027. Specifically, the Opening UCC balances at January 1, 2026 and the additions for tax purposes for 2026 and 2027 have been revised to agree to the updated PILS workform, Attachment 1-Staff-1(E) - 2026 - 2030 PILS Income Tax Workform provided with interrogatory response 1-Staff-1.

Please note that the updated PILS contribution amounts have not been reflected in revenue requirement.

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JT4.9

EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

Appendix 2-JA - Summary of Recoverable OM&A Expenses

UNDERTAKING(S):

Provide 2020 OM&A actuals broken down into 2-JA categories.

RESPONSE(S):

Please see Table A below for the 2020 OM&A by JA category as requested.

Table A - 2020 OM&A Actuals by Appendix 2-JA¹

	Actual (\$)
	2020
Operations	\$ 24,625,874
Maintenance	\$ 9,047,755
SubTotal	\$ 33,673,628
Billing and Collecting	\$ 12,344,470
Community Relations	\$ 5,399,978
Administrative and General	\$ 34,758,231
SubTotal	\$ 52,502,680
TOTAL	\$ 86,176,308

¹ 2020 presentation of data based on current Appendix 2-JA grouping

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EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

9-Staff-206 Table A

1-Staff-1(C)

UNDERTAKING(S):

Provide specific dollar amount incorporated in the balance related to adjustment.

RESPONSE(S):

Amounts related to a Group 2 Account that has not been previously disposed of were given a different presentation in the original evidence than when updated as part of interrogatory 1-Staff-1. In preparing the original evidence related to the Deferral and Variance Account (Continuity Schedule) transactions related to 2023 but recorded in 2024 were included in the 2023 section of the Continuity Schedule in error. However in the update for 2024 Actuals as provided during interrogatories, specifically Attachment 1-Staff-1(C) OEB DVA Continuity Schedule, transactions related to 2024 were included in the 2024 transaction section under row BD and 2025 transaction in BF. Please see below for the specific dollar amount adjustments for adjustments in 2024.

1508 Other Regulatory Assets - Sub-Account - Capital Variance Account closing balance for 2023 reported in Tab 2B:

- Original Evidence Attachment 9-3-1(A) - OEB DVA Continuity Schedule - in cell BG73 was a credit of \$552,267.70, which included a credit adjustment of \$64,863.12 in cell BF73.

- 1 • 2024 Actuals update as part of interrogatory 1-Staff-1, Attachment 1-Staff-1(C) - OEB DVA
2 Continuity Schedule - the \$64,863.12 was moved to cell BD73 for a total of \$454,091.84 of
3 transactions completed in 2024. \$454,091.84 is made up of the CVA entry related to the 2024
4 year of \$518,954.96 (please see the undertaking response to JT3.27 for additional details) and
5 the adjustment of \$(64,368.43) related to the 2023 year.
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7 • For clarity, the \$64k relates to an adjustment for the 2023 year but recorded in 2024.

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EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

TBD

UNDERTAKING(S):

Provide proposed journal entries to record revenue requirement impact related to capital.

RESPONSE(S):

Please refer to Attachment JT4.7(A) - Hydro Ottawa 2026-2030 Draft Accounting Orders.

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EVIDENCE REFERENCE:

Appendix 2-H

UNDERTAKING(S):

Provide USoAs that Hydro Ottawa uses to record forecasted \$2 million in Chapter 2 appendices, Tab 2H.

RESPONSE(S):

USofA "4330 - Costs and Exp of Merchandising" is used to record the \$2M Non-Wires Solutions expense in Appendix 2-H.