Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.
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Staff Question-1

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

Preamble:

The OEB-published 2025 Quarter 1-4 prescribed accounting interest rates applicable to the carrying charges of deferral and variance accounts for electricity distributors and other rate-regulated entities are Q1 = 3.64%, Q2 = 3.16% Q3&4 = 2.91%. OEB staff notes that it appears Greater Sudbury Hydro applied the Q2 interest rate over 6 months instead of the applicable 3 months, consequently increasing the interest rate payable by ratepayers in Q2 of 2025.

Table 1: Greater Sudbury Continuity Schedule Quarter 2, 2025 Interest Rates

BQ23 =(3.64%*3/12*BO23 +(3.16%*6/12*BO23)+ 2.91%*3/12*BO23)+(2.91%*3/12*BO23)

Generator for 2026 Filers

Please complete the following continuity schedule for the following Deferral/Variance Accounts. Enter information into green cells only. Please see instructions tab for detailed instructions on how to complete tabs 3 to 7. Column BV has been prepopulated from the latest 2.1.7 RRR filing.

Please refer to the footnotes for further instructions.

						2025				Projected Interest on Dec-31	
Account Descriptions	Account Number	Interest Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2024	OEB-Approved Disposition during 2024	Interest Adjustments during 2024	Closing Interest Amounts as of Dec 31, 2024	Principal Disposition during 2025 - instructed by OEB	Interest Disposition during 2025 - instructed by OEB	Closing Principal Balances as of Dec 31, 2023 Adjusted for Disposition during 2025	Closing Interest Balances as of Dec 31, 2023 Adjusted for Disposition during 2025	Projected Interest from Jan 1, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025 on Dec 31, 2024 balance adjusted for disposition during 2025 [2]	Projected Interest from Jan 1, 2025 to Apr 30, 2025 on Dec 31, 2024 balance adjusted for disposition during 2025 [2]
Group 1 Accounts											
LV Variance Account	1550	5,037	6,959		4,607	43,247	2,320	40,076	2,287	1,581	389
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(8,664)	(11,609)		(7,430)	(87,219)	(4,312)	(35,759)	(3,118)	(1,411)	(347)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge[5]	1580	6,034	210,652		(42,333)	(873,688)	(103,919)	(294,790)	61,586	(11,629)	(2,859)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class A[5]	1580				0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B[5]	1580	(12,292)	(60,429)		(4,897)	43,870	10,184	244,491	(15,081)	9,645	2,372
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	54,158	87,728		43,565	228,659	3,946	1,086,814	39,619	42,875	10,542
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	9,403	9,336		2,898	(59,070)	(10,261)	583,505	13,159	23,019	5,680

Question(s):

a) Please confirm whether the Q2 prescribed interest rate (3.16%) was applied for three months or six months.
b) If the Q2 interest rate was applied for six months, please explain the rationale behind this approach.
c) Provide the calculated impact on carrying charges resulting from applying the Q2 interest rate for six months instead of three months.
d) If your response in b) indicates that it was an error, please re-file a corrected Rate Generator Model.

Staff Question-2

Ref 1: 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tabs 11, 15 and 20
Ref 2: OEB Letter, EB-2025-0232, 2026 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates, October 9, 2025

Preamble:

On October 9, 2025, the OEB issued a letter regarding 2026 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates. The OEB determined the use of preliminary UTRs to calculate 2026 Retail Service Transmission Rates (RTSRs) to improve regulatory efficiency, allowing for this data to feed into the rate applications including annual updates for electricity distributors on a timelier basis. The OEB also directed distributors to update their 2026 application with Hydro One Network Inc.'s (HONI) proposed host RTSRs.

OEB staff has updated Greater Sudbury Hydro's Rate Generator Model with the preliminary UTRs and proposed host RTSR by HONI as follows:

Table 2: Updated Uniform Transmission Rates Greater Sudbury Continuity

Uniform Transmission Rates	Unit	2024 Jan to Jun	2024 Jul to Dec	2025 Jan to Jun	2025 Jul to Dec	2026
Rate Description		Rate		Rate		Rate
Network Service Rate	kW	$ 5.78	$ 6.12	$ 6.37	$ 6.37	$ 6.42
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	$ 0.95	$ 0.95	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 1.02
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	$ 3.21	$ 3.21	$ 3.39	$ 3.39	$ 3.47

Table 3: Updated HONI Sub-Transmission Rates

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates	Unit	2024	2025	2026
Rate Description		Rate	Rate	Rate
Network Service Rate	kW	$ 4.9103	$ 5.3280	$ 5.4282
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	$ 0.6537	$ 0.6882	$ 0.6896
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	$ 3.3041	$ 3.4894	$ 3.4965
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	$ 3.9578	$ 4.1776	$ 4.1861

Question(s):

a) Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator Model update, as well as the accuracy of the resulting RTSR following these updates.

Staff Question-3

Ref 1: 2026 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 18
Ref 2: EB-2025-0232, OEB Letter "2026 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates, issued October 9, 2025

Table 4: Updated Time of Use RPP Prices

Time-of-Use RPP Prices and Percentages

As of	November 1, 2025		
Off-Peak	$/kWh	0.0980	64%
Mid-Peak	$/kWh	0.1570	18%
On-Peak	$/kWh	0.2030	18%

Question(s):

a) The Rate Generator Model was updated to reflect the updated values established in References 1 and 2. Please confirm the accuracy of the Rate Generator Model update, as outlined below.

- Tab 18 Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) = 23.50%
- Tab 18 Time of Use RRP Prices and Percentages

Staff Question-4

Ref: Manager's Summary, p. 7.

Preamble:

In the above reference, Greater Sudbury Hydro notes that it has an outstanding issue from its 2025 Cost of Service application (EB-2024-0026) regarding the recovery of an Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEBs) transition amount. Specifically, if approved by the OEB, Greater Sudbury Hydro plans to implement an additional rider effective May 1, 2026, in accordance with the OEB's determination.

Greater Sudbury Hydro further notes that it will update the proposed tariff sheets in its 2026 IRM application, as necessary, to reflect and implement any directions or guidance by the OEB in its decision in EB-2024-0026.

Question(s):

a) Please confirm that Greater Sudbury Hydro still intends to update the proposed tariff sheets in its 2026 IRM application, as necessary, to reflect and implement the OEB's decision on the additional rider related to the OPEBs transition amount (and any other directions or guidance provided by the OEB in EB-2024-0026).