

**ERTH Power Corporation**  
**Responses to OEB Staff Questions**  
**EB-2025-0041**

**Main Rate Zone**

**Staff Question-1**

**Reference:**

Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

**Preamble:**

On December 10, 2025, the OEB published the 2026 Quarter 1 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 Quarter 1 2026 OEB prescribed interest rate of 2.55%. If not, please update Tab 3, as necessary, and provide a breakdown for how interest was calculated.

**Response:**

*Tab 3 was calculated using the Quarter 4 2025 OEB prescribed interest rate as that was what was available at the time of filing. Tab 3 has been updated to reflect the Quarter 1, 2026 OEB prescribed interest rate of 2.55%.*

**Staff Question-2**

**Reference:**

Commodity Analysis Workform

**Preamble:**

The amount in Note 5, 1a, Column C, of the GA 2024 tab does not appear in the Principal Adjustments Tab.

**Question(s):**

- a) Please explain why and update the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, as necessary.

**Response:**

*The amount in Note 5, 1a, Column C of the GA 2024 tab is the sum of \$(66,316) and \$2,207,333 listed in the Principal Adjustments Tab in cells J44 J56 respectively.*

**Staff Question-3**

**Reference:**

Rate Generator Model, Tab 11 (RTSR – UTR & Sub-Tx) and Tab 18 (Regulatory Charges)

**Preamble:**

On October 17, 2025, the OEB released updated time-of-use (TOU) pricing and Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) values, effective November 1, 2025. OEB staff has updated the Rate Generator Model to reflect the revised TOU pricing and OER values.

On December 11, 2025, the OEB set the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) and Wholesale Market Services (WMS) charges, effective January 1, 2026. OEB staff has updated the RRRP and CBR charges in the Rate Generator Model.

**Question(s):**

- a) Please review the updated Rate Generator Model and confirm whether the incorporated changes are accurate. If any discrepancies are identified, please provide corrections and supporting rationale.

**Response:**

*Confirmed.*

**Staff Question-4**

**Reference:**

Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab GA 2024

**Preamble:**

In Note 4, Columns G and H are blank, but no explanation is provided in Note 4(a).

**Question(s):**

- a) Please provide an explanation for why Columns G and H are blank in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform.

**Response:**

*Columns G and H are blank as the values in columns F are final trued up calendar month consumption values. ERTH Power has now provided an explanation in Note 4(a) in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform included with these responses.*

**Goderich Rate Zone**

**Staff Question-5**

**Reference:**

Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

**Preamble:**

The values in Columns BE and BJ are different than those listed in the Decision in EB-2024-0021.

**Question(s):**

- a) Please provide an explanation for why the values differ. If necessary, please update the Rate Generator Model to ensure alignment.

**Response:**

*Columns BE and BJ tie to the Decision in EB-2023-0019 as they relate to disposition in 2024. The values in BM and BN match the Decision in EB-2024-0021 as they relate to disposition in 2025.*

**Staff Question-6**

**Reference:**

Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

**Preamble:**

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**Question(s):**

- a) Please confirm that Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) reflects the Quarter 1 2026 OEB prescribed interest rate of 2.55%. If not, please update Tab 3, as necessary, and provide a breakdown for how interest was calculated.

**Response:**

*Tab 3 was calculated using the Quarter 4 2025 OEB prescribed interest rate as that was what was available at the time of filing. Tab 3 has been updated to reflect the Quarter 1, 2026 OEB prescribed interest rate of 2.55%.*

**Staff Question-7****Reference:**

Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab GA 2024

**Preamble:**

In Note 4, Columns G and H are blank, but no explanation is provided in Note 4(a).

**Question(s):**

- a) Please provide an explanation for why Columns G and H are blank in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform.

**Response:**

*Columns G and H are blank as the values in columns F are final trued up calendar month consumption values. ERTH Power has provided an explanation in Note 4(a) in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform included with these responses.*

**Staff Question-8****Reference:**

Rate Generator Model, Tab 11 (RTSR – UTR & Sub-Tx) and Tab 18 (Regulatory Charges)

**Preamble:**

On October 17, 2025, the OEB released updated time-of-use (TOU) pricing and Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) values, effective November 1, 2025. OEB staff has updated the Rate Generator Model to reflect the revised TOU pricing and OER values.

On December 11, 2025, the OEB set the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) and Wholesale Market Services (WMS) charges, effective January 1, 2026. OEB staff has updated the RRRP and CBR charges in the Rate Generator Model.

**Question(s):**

- a) Please review the updated Rate Generator Model and confirm whether the incorporated changes are accurate. If any discrepancies are identified, please provide corrections and supporting rationale.

**Response:**

*Confirmed.*

**Staff Question-9****Reference:**

Manager's Summary, p. 13

**Preamble:**

ERTH Power Corporation outlines in Tables 7 and 8 in its Manager's Summary amounts that it reconciled for the Main and Goderich Rate Zones. Further, ERTH Power Corporation notes that for Accounts 1588 / 1589, the reconciliation results in a total difference of \$1,205,107 for the Main Rate Zone and \$50,662 for the Goderich Rate Zone.

**Question(s):**

- a) Please provide an explanation for the reconciliation.

**Response:**

*Column BW in Tab 3 of the IRM Rate Generator Models for both Rate Zones display variances between RRR and the 2024 balance (Principal + Interest) in each account. In its RRR submission, ERTH Power submits one value for each account in the trial*

*balance and does not enter separate values for each rate zone. As a result, the IRM rate generator model does not split the RRR balances between each rate zone, creating variances. The purpose of Tables 7 and 8 is to tie the 2024 balance for each rate zone to the single values entered in RRR for each account. Table 7 shows the 2024 balances for each rate zone added together tie to RRR for all accounts except for accounts 1588 and 1589. Table 8 explains the variances between the 2024 balances for both rate zones for account 1588 and 1589 and RRR. The variances in these accounts are a result of principal adjustments.*