

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.
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Staff Question-1

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3, Continuity Schedule

Preamble:

On September 11, 2025 and December 10, 2025, the OEB published the Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 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 and Q1 2026 OEB-prescribed interest rates of 2.91% and 2.55%.

Response:

WHESC has updated Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) to reflect the Q1 2026 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.55%. The Q4 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.91% was already reflected in the originally filed model.

Staff Question-2

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model, Tab 18, Regulatory Charges

Ref 2: EB-2025-0299, Decision and Order, December 11, 2025

Preamble:

On October 17, 2025, the OEB published the electricity prices under the Regulated Price Plan (RPP), including the Winter Time-of-Use (TOU) prices and the Ontario Energy Rebate (OER) effective November 1, 2025. In addition, on December 11, 2025, the OEB set the updated rates for the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP), Wholesale Market Service (WMS), and Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) rates

effective January 1, 2026.

Question(s):

- a. OEB staff has updated the TOU prices, OER, RRRP, and CBR rates in Tab 18 (Regulatory Charges) of the Rate Generator Model. Please confirm the accuracy of the updates and that they are correctly reflected throughout the model.

Response:

WHESC confirms the accuracy of the updates and has verified that they are correctly reflected throughout the model.

Staff Question-3

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model, Tab 11, RTSR – UTRs & Sub-Tx

Ref 2: EB-2025-0030, Decision and Order, December 23, 2025

Preamble:

On December 23, 2025, the OEB issued its Decision and Order on Hydro One Network Inc.'s Retail Transmission Service Rates.

Question(s):

- a. For completeness, OEB staff has updated Hydro One's Sub-Transmission rates in reference 1. Please confirm the accuracy of the updates and that they are correctly reflected throughout the model.

Response:

WHESC confirms the accuracy of the updates and has verified that they are correctly reflected throughout the model.