

**Synergy North Corporation.**  
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**Staff Question-1**

**Ref 1: 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.

On December 23, 2025, the OEB issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) which established updated Sub-Transmission Rates.

OEB staff has updated Synergy North’s Rate Generator Model with the preliminary UTRs and final host RTSR by HONI as follows:

**Table 1: Updated Uniform Transmission for Rates Synergy North**

Uniform Transmission Rates	Unit	2024		2025		2026
		Jan to Jun	Jul to Dec	Jan to Jun	Jul to Dec	
<b>Rate Description</b>		<b>Rate</b>		<b>Rate</b>		<b>Rate</b>
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 2: 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	\$	5.4708	
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	0.6537	\$	0.6882	\$	0.7054	
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	3.3041	\$	3.4894	\$	3.5764	
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$	3.9578	\$	4.1776	\$	4.2818	

**Question(s):**

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

**Staff Question-2**

**Ref 1: Rate Generator Model, Tab 18**

**Table 3: 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%

**Table 4: Regulatory Charges**

Regulatory Charges			
Effective Date of Regulatory Charges		January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015	0.0006
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh	0.25	0.25

**Question(s):**

- a) The Rate Generator Model was updated to reflect the updated values established in Reference 1. 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
  - Tab 18 Regulatory Charges

### **Staff Question-3**

#### **Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3**

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 if Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) accounts for the Q1 prescribed interest rate. If not, please reflect the Q1 2026 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.55% in Tab 3, as appropriate.