

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.
EB-2025-0010
January 9, 2026

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Staff Question-1

Ref 1: EB-2025-0299, Decision and Order

Ref 2: EB-2025-0010, Rate Generator Model, Tab 18, Regulatory Charge

Preamble:

On December 10, 2025, the OEB announced that for Class B consumers, a Capacity-Based Recovery (CBR) component of \$0.0006 per kilowatt-hour will be added to the Wholesale Market Service (WMS) rate, bringing the total WMS rate to \$0.0047 per kilowatt-hour.

Additionally, the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) charge used by rate-regulated electricity distributors to bill their customers will be \$0.0006 per kilowatt-hour for electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2026.

OEB staff has updated RSL's 2026 Rate Generator Model to reflect the new CBR component and RRRP rate.

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) Please confirm the accuracy of these updates in the attached Rate Generator Model and ensure that all tabs are updated accordingly.

Response:

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution confirms the updates are accurate and that all tabs are updated accordingly.

Staff Question-2

Ref: EB-2025-0010, 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:

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution has updated Tab 3 of the continuity schedule to reflect the appropriate prescribed interest rates, only Q1 2026 required changes.

Staff Question-3

Ref 1: EB-2024-0053, Decision and Rate Order, March 20, 2025, Page 8

Ref 2: EB-2025-0010, GA Analysis Workform (2026 Rate Application)

Preamble:

In Reference 1, the OEB approved the disposition of a debit balance of \$260,430 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to April 30, 2025, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

In Reference 2, at Tab 1. Information Sheet, RSL selected the year 2022 for Note 1(a):
“If the account balances were last approved on a final basis, select the year corresponding to the year-end balances that were last approved on a final basis.”

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that Account 1588 and Account 1589 were approved for disposition as of December 31, 2023 on a final basis in RSL’s 2025 IRM application.
 - i. If confirmed, please update Reference 2 to include the correct selection (i.e. 2023) in Tab 1 Cell D21
 - ii. If not confirmed, please explain why not.

Response:

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution has updated reference 2 to reflect the correct selection and confirms that Account 1588 and Account 1589 were approved for disposition as of December 31, 2023 on a final basis in RSL’s 2025 IRM application. The models have been updated accordingly

Staff Question-4

Ref: EB-2025-0010, GA Analysis Workform (2026 Rate Application)

Preamble:

In Tab GA2024 of the above reference, the value of Cell C93 is -5.8%, which exceeds the threshold. Also in the same reference, the Total Metered excluding WMP does not equal the sum of RPP(A) and Non-RPP(B). Specifically, the sum of A (63,424,297) and B (40,234,815) is 103,659,112, while C shows 103,659,742.

There is also no explanation provided by RSL in Cell B65 of Tab GA2024, even though it has not used columns G and H for unbilled consumption.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that RSL is requesting the final disposition of Group 1 accounts including Account 1588 and Account 1589 as of December 31, 2024 in this application.
 - i. If confirmed, please reconcile and explain the unresolved difference (i.e.- 5.8%) for Account 1589.
- b) If confirmed, please explain why Group 1 accounts can be disposed on a final basis if the unresolved variance of Account 1589 is over +-1%.

- c) Please confirm the inconsistency in the consumption data and revise the numbers, as necessary.
- d) Please provide an explanation in Cell B65 in the Tab GA2024 since unbilled consumption is not used in the table for Note 4.

Response:

- a) RSL confirms it is requesting the final disposition of Group 1 accounts including Account 1588 and Account 1589 as of December 31, 2024 in this application.
 - i. Account 1589 has been reconciled and b) the unresolved variance is less than 1%.
- c) The consumption data is correct
- d) Unbilled consumption is used in the table

Staff Question-5

Ref 1: EB-2025-0010, 2026 Rate Generator Model (RGM), Tab 3 Continuity Schedule

Ref 2: EB-2025-0010, Manager's Summary, Page 13

Preamble:

In Reference 1, RSL selected "Yes" under "Account Disposition: Yes/No?" for Account 1595 for years 2020 to 2022. However, in the Manager's Summary, RSL only proposes to dispose of its Account 1595 (2021) residual balance. There is no request or explanation for the disposition of Account 1595 balances for 2020 and 2022.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm the year(s) in which RSL is proposing to dispose of Account 1595 balances and provide an explanation.

Response:

RSL is proposing to only proposes to dispose of its Account 1595 (2021) residual balance. The model has been modified accordingly.

Staff Question-6

Ref: EB-2025-0010, 2026 Rate Generator Model (RGM), Tab 4 Billing Det. for Def-Var

Preamble:

At the above reference, the sum of cells O17 through O22 does not equal 100%; it is 99.99%.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm the percentage listed under “1595 Recovery Proportion (2022)” for each rate class and ensure that the total equals 100%.

Response:

We confirm the percentage listed under “1595 Recovery Proportion (2022)” for each rate class the total equals 100%.

Staff Question-7

Ref: EB-2025-0010, 2026 Rate Generator Model (RGM), Tab 11 RTSR – UTRs & Sub-Tx

Preamble:

On December 23, 2025, the OEB issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Networks Inc.’s 2026 Custom IR application. As part of this Rate Order, the OEB established updated Sub-Transmission Rates.

OEB staff has updated the Rate Generator Model with the updated rates for Hydro One.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm the accuracy of this update in the attached Rate Generator Model and ensure that all tabs are updated accordingly.

Response:

RSL confirms the accuracy of this update in the attached Rate Generator Model and that all tabs are updated accordingly