

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 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	
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 2: Updated HONI Sub-Transmission Rates

Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates	Unit	2024		2025		2026
		Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	
Network Service Rate	kW	\$ 4,9103	\$ 5,3280	\$ 5,4708	\$ 5,4708	
Line Connection Service Rate	kW	\$ 0,6637	\$ 0,6882	\$ 0,7054	\$ 0,7054	
Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$ 3,3041	\$ 3,4894	\$ 3,5764	\$ 3,5764	
Both Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	kW	\$ 3,9578	\$ 4,1775	\$ 4,2818	\$ 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.

SNC Reply:

SNC has updated the Models for the RTSR's as provided by OEB Staff, and the resulting RTSRs have been confirmed.

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

SNC Reply:

SNC confirms the following rates were updated in the Models:

- OER updated to 23.5%.
- TOU RPP Prices and Percentages were updated.
- Regulatory charges have been updated.

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.

SNC Reply:

SNC has updated Tab 3 in the Models to reflect the Q1 2026 interest rate of 2.55%. The resulting updated claims for Group 1 Accounts are reflected in the “BILL IMPACTS” models, as filed.

Rate Impacts after Updates to Models:

Thunder Bay Rate Impacts:

RATE CLASSES / CATEGORIES (eg: Residential TOU, Residential Retailer)	Units	Sub-Total						Total	
		A		B		C		Total Bill	
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 1.20	3.4%	\$ 1.88	4.8%	\$ 1.72	3.2%	\$ 1.54	1.1%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 2.52	2.9%	\$ 3.92	4.1%	\$ 3.50	2.7%	\$ 3.14	0.9%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 30.67	3.4%	\$ 411.02	45.0%	\$ 401.74	22.8%	\$ 453.96	3.8%
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 482.19	3.4%	\$ 6,425.57	44.8%	\$ 6,217.57	18.6%	\$ 7,025.85	3.6%
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 0.62	3.3%	\$ 0.91	4.4%	\$ 0.82	2.9%	\$ 0.74	1.0%
SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kW	\$ 0.45	3.4%	\$ 0.50	3.7%	\$ 0.49	3.3%	\$ 0.44	2.0%
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kW	\$4,844.62	12.1%	\$ 8,095.98	20.2%	\$ 8,027.22	17.3%	\$ 9,070.76	6.6%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kWh	\$ 1.20	3.4%	\$ 6.98	17.2%	\$ 6.82	12.5%	\$ 7.71	3.8%
GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 538.63	3.4%	\$ 11,162.53	68.6%	\$10,922.53	28.6%	\$ 12,342.46	3.7%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kW	\$ 44.24	3.4%	\$ 438.22	33.5%	\$ 423.36	15.9%	\$ 478.40	3.8%

Kenora Rate Impacts:

RATE CLASSES / CATEGORIES (eg: Residential TOU, Residential Retailer)	Units	Sub-Total						Total	
		A		B		C		Total Bill	
		\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 1.20	3.4%	\$ 1.80	4.6%	\$ 1.64	3.1%	\$ 1.47	1.1%
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - RPP	kWh	\$ 2.52	2.9%	\$ 3.92	4.1%	\$ 3.50	2.7%	\$ 3.14	0.9%
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Other)	kW	\$ 31.58	3.4%	\$452.93	50.7%	\$443.27	25.0%	\$ 500.90	4.3%
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kWh	\$ 0.61	3.3%	\$ 3.80	18.6%	\$ 3.72	13.7%	\$ 4.21	4.1%
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kW	\$ 232.01	12.0%	\$494.66	25.9%	\$489.07	20.2%	\$ 552.65	6.3%
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION - Non-RPP (Retailer)	kWh	\$ 1.20	3.4%	\$ 7.65	19.2%	\$ 7.49	13.9%	\$ 8.47	4.2%

SUPPORTING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS / APPENDICES

Electronic files uploaded to the website to support the application:

SN_EB2025-0008_OEB Staff Questions_Responses_20260116: [PDF of OEB Staff IR Responses](#)

SN_EB2025-0008_2026 Proposed Tariff Sheet_20260116: [PDF Proposed 2026 Schedule of Tariff and Rates](#)

SN_EB2025-0008_IRM Rate Generator Model_20260116: [2026 Synergy North Rate Generator Model \(To calculate 2026 Rates\)](#)

SN_EB2025-0008_KN BILL IMPACTS_20260116: [2026 Bill Impacts for Kenora Zone](#)

SN_EB2025-0008_TB BILL IMPACTS_20260116: [2026 Bill Impacts for Thunder Bay Zone](#)