

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited ("Toronto Hydro")
Non-Wires Solution Incentive Mechanism Application**

POLLUTION PROBE INTERROGATORIES

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PP-1

- a) Please confirm that the NWS Local Demand Response Program reviewed and approved in EB-2023-0195 is a distinct program over the current rate term, as compared to previous (similar or pilot) projects of a much smaller scale.
- b) Please explain how Toronto Hydro is allowed under OEB rules to make a two-stage approval request related to the NWS Local Demand Response Program, i.e. approval of the program in EB-2023-0195 and then approval of the related Incentive Mechanism now.
- c) Please explain why this approach was used instead of trying to advance an incentive mechanism request as part of the EB-2023-0195 application.
- d) Please confirm that the information in this application represents the most current and best available information related to the NWS Local Demand Response Program to which the incentive mechanism request applies to.

PP-2

- a) Please confirm that the information in this application represents current, best available information related to the NWS Local Demand Response Program.
- b) Please confirm that the current information applied to the NWS Local Demand Response Program results in a greater cost effectiveness (BCA) than originally estimated for the NWS Local Demand Response Program approved by the OEB in EB-2023-0195. Please explain why that is.
- c) Please explain the steps Toronto Hydro used to advance the NWS Local Demand Response Program since it was approved in EB-2023-0195 and led to this application being filed.

PP-3

- a) Given the early stage of Ontario utilities developing and implementing NWSs, does Toronto Hydro expect that there will be broader industry benefits (not included in the BCA) resulting from delivery of this program?
- b) Please explain how Toronto Hydro intends to share best practices from this NWS program with other Ontario utilities in order to help them advance non-wire solutions and enhance their distribution system operator competencies.

PP-4

- a) Does Toronto Hydro expect that the NWS Local Demand Response Program will enhance customer education on opportunities to manage energy use for the future and provide a foundation for other future NWS program opportunities (including, but not limited to more proactive use of IESO Save on Energy programs)?
- b) Will the NWS Local Demand Response Program have benefits beyond those included in the BCA calculation provided in this application? If yes, please provide a summary.