

EB-2024-0010

Burlington Hydro Inc.

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges beginning January 1, 2025**

VECC Interrogatories October 4, 2023

Incremental Capital Module

VECC-1

Please provide a summary of BHI's previous requests for ICM funding for road widening projects and include a description of the scope of work of each project(s), the amount requested, the amount approved by the OEB and the docket #.

VECC-2

Ref: Ex 1 p.26

BHI indicates its 2023 ROE was 8.11%.

Please provide BHI's ROE forecasts for 2024 and 2025.

VECC-3

Ref: Ex 1 p.26

The 2025 Dundas Street Widening project (Guelph to Kerns Road; Northampton Boulevard to Guelph Line) was not included in the capital expenditures in BHI's 2021 Cost of Service Application (EB-2020-0007).

- a) When did BHI first become aware of the road widening project and the need to relocate its distribution assets?
- b) Please discuss any delays to the original road widening schedule and BHI's asset relocation project schedule and the reasons why.
- c) Please confirm the start date and in-service date of BHI's Dundas Street Widening project for Guelph to Kerns Road, and Northampton Boulevard to Guelph Line.

VECC-4

Ref: Ex.1 p.28

Table 21 includes two proposed Dundas Street Road Widening projects in 2021: Walkers Line to Appleby Line (\$3,789,275) and Appleby Line to Tremaine (\$869,530), as well as the Waterdown Road Widening (\$3,500,000).

- a) Please confirm the three projects are in response to requests from Halton region Road Authority.
- b) Please provide a description of each project based on the scope and volume of work.
- c) For each project, please provide the number of overhead and underground km.
- d) For each project, please provide a breakdown of costs based on the units of each distribution asset (overhead and underground).
- e) For each project, please provide a breakdown of costs based on internal and external: labour, non-labour, materials, equipment, overhead etc.
- f) Please explain why the Walkers Line to Appleby Line project was not completed in 2021 or subsequent years.
- g) When did BHI first become aware of the Appleby Line to Tremaine project?
- h) Please explain the cost overruns in 2021 on the Appleby Line to Tremaine project compared to the 2021 forecast.
- i) Please provide the forecast and actual in-service date for the Waterdown Road Widening project.
- j) Please provide the forecast and actual capital contributions for each project and explain any variances.
- k) Please explain how these road widening projects were considered in developing the forecast for the 2025 ICM project.

VECC-5

Ref: Ex.1 p.28

Table 21 includes the Fairview Street Rebuild with capital spending in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

- a) Please provide the driver for this project.
- b) Please provide the Project Summary document for the project.
- c) Please provide the number of overhead and underground km.

VECC-6

Ref: Ex.1 p.28

Table 21 includes a proposed Dundas Street Road Widening project in 2024: Tremaine to Bronte (\$306,092).

- a) Please provide the Project Summary document for the project.
- b) Please provide the number of overhead and underground km.

VECC-7

Ref: Appendix D

Appendix D (page 2) includes a summary of costs for each segment of the Dundas St Road Widening project.

- a) For each segment, please provide the number of overhead and underground km.
- l) For each segment, please provide a breakdown of costs based on the units of each major distribution asset (overhead and underground) relocated or installed.
- m) For each segment, please provide a breakdown of costs based on internal and external: labour, non-labour, materials, equipment, overhead etc.
- n) Please confirm and explain the project alternative selected.
- o) Please provide the number of poles to be replaced that are in poor or very poor condition.

p) Please provide the number of transformers to be replaced that are in poor or very poor condition.