



## Memorandum

**To:** Mike Manning, Chief Operating Officer, Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation

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**Re:** Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub> Calculations

### Introduction

The Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation ("OEFC") is required to calculate and publish the Final (2018) TMC<sub>Index</sub> and DCR<sub>new</sub> for 115-230kV as soon as market data is available. The data for both calculations are now available and OEFC has asked Navigant Consulting to perform these calculations. This memo will provide the Final (2018) DCR<sub>new</sub> 115-230kV calculation.

The calculation of the 115-230kV TMC reflects interim rates resulting from the EB-2018-0326, 2019 Uniform Transmission Rate decision, issued by the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") on December 20, 2018.

Additionally, the calculation of the 115-230kV TMC has been adjusted to include settlement amounts to recover certain costs incurred by distribution companies for the connection of new renewable generation to their distribution systems. The costs for 2018 were assessed and were charged to participants based on their proportion of Allocated Quantity of Energy Withdrawn ("AQEW") for the month<sup>1</sup>. The recovery of these costs was enabled by Regulation 330/09<sup>2</sup>, and the monthly amounts are approved by the OEB.

The Renewable Generation Connection – Monthly Compensation Settlement Credit has been added to the Wholesale Market Service Charges ("WMSC") component of the 115-230kV TMC, and has been broken out for reference in the background section of this memo. Furthermore, the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") introduced a Daily Uplift Charge as of October 2011, which has been added to the WMSC component of the 115-230kV TMC<sup>3</sup>.

The Capacity Based Demand Response Recovery ("CBDR") charge has also been added to the WMSC component of the 115-230kV TMC as of its induction in May 2015. The CBDR charge is allocated using

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<sup>1</sup> IESO – Market Summaries

<http://www.ieso.ca/power-data/market-summaries-archive>

<sup>2</sup> Ontario Regulation 330/09

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_090330\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090330_e.htm)

<sup>3</sup> IESO – Guide to Electricity Charges

<http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/settlements/guide-to-wholesale-electricity-charges>

the same method as Global Adjustment charges (see “Changes in the Global Adjustment Allocation” section below).

Under the Ontario Energy Board Act, effective as of May 1, 2017 the Ontario Electricity Support Program (“OESP”) charge is paid by the Province rather than by ratepayers. OESP is not included in the calculation of TMC as of May 2017.

The Debt Retirement Charge (“DRC”) ended as of March 31, 2018 for all electricity consumers. As such the DRC is not included in the calculation of TMC effective as of April 1, 2018.<sup>4</sup>

### **Changes in the Global Adjustment Allocation**

Beginning in 2011, the way that the Global Adjustment is allocated to consumers has been changed. Prior to 2011, the Global Adjustment was allocated to all consumers based on their energy use. Regulatory amendments effective January 1, 2011 established two classes of consumers: Class A consumers, with average monthly demand greater than 5 MW; and Class B consumers. Under the amended Regulation the Global Adjustment is allocated differently to Class A and Class B consumers.

In this memo, TMC is calculated to include the amount of Global Adjustment payable by all energy consumers allocated on a pro rata energy use basis to reflect the allocation of the Global Adjustment required under the judgment of Justice Wilton-Siegel dated March 12, 2015 in *N-R Power and Energy Corporation v. OEFC*.

### **Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017 (“FHP Act”) and Fixing the Hydro Mess Act, 2019 (“FHM Act”)**

Under FHP Act a portion of the Global Adjustment costs which would have been payable by certain consumers was deferred (defined as the “IESO deferral” in the FHP Act) effective as of May 1, 2017, for eventual recovery through the clean energy adjustment (“CEA”), as provided for and defined in the FHP Act. The IESO deferral and the CEA were repealed effective as of November 1, 2019 by the FHM Act.

For NUGs whose power purchase agreements provide for rate escalation based on  $TMC_{Index}$  and  $DCR_{new}$ , in calculating TMC during the period from May 1, 2017 to October 31, 2019, the annual total of the IESO deferral amounts for each year is included and added by OEFC in the calculation of TMC.

The amendments to the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016* enacted by the FHM Act to provide financial assistance to certain consumers do not affect the calculation of TMC.

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<sup>4</sup> IESO – Debt Retirement Charge ended March 31 for all electricity users  
<http://www.ieso.ca/en/sector-participants/ieso-news/2018/04/debt-retirement-charge-ended-march-31-for-all-electricity-users>

### Methodology and Results

The Final (2018) DCR<sub>new</sub> for 115-230kV is given in Table 1. Supporting information on the calculations involved is provided in the sections that follow.

**Table 1: Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub> (cents/kWh)**

Voltage	2018 Final
115-230kV	11.8008

### Total Market Cost Calculations

The Final (2018) TMC value for 115- 230kV is 11.3784 cents/kWh, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Calculation of Final (2018) 115-230kV TMC**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total /
<b>MONTHLY STATISTICS</b>														
days		31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	365
total hours		744	672	744	720	744	720	744	744	720	744	720	744	8760
														<b>Weighted Average</b>
<b>MARKET RATES</b>														
HOEP	c/kWh	3.032	1.801	1.650	2.856	1.154	1.673	2.860	2.892	2.693	1.278	2.362	2.660	2.2445
WMSC	c/kWh	0.449	0.466	0.310	0.476	(0.352)	0.483	0.582	0.503	0.508	0.399	(0.139)	0.509	0.3487
Tx network	\$/kW-mth	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610	3.610
Tx line connection	\$/kW-mth	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.950
Debt Retirement Charge	c/kWh	0.700	0.700	0.700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Global Adjustment	c/kWh	6.050	7.075	8.196	8.538	9.167	10.173	7.032	6.768	7.434	10.243	8.090	7.073	
<b>TOTAL MARKET COST CALCULATION</b>														
Total market cost per month	c/kW-mth	8,067	7,204	8,533	9,003	7,874	9,333	8,249	8,017	8,113	9,324	7,882	8,076	
Total annual market cost	c/kW-yr													99,675
TMC = total market cost	c/kWh													<b>11.3784</b>

### Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub> Calculations

The Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub> is the greater of (i) the average of the 115-230kV TMC for the three calendar-year periods from January 2016 through December 2018 inclusive, based on the number of days in each period and (ii) the Final (2017) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub>. The Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub> is 11.8008 cents/kWh, as shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Final (2018) 115-230kV DCR<sub>new</sub>**

	2016 Final	2017 Final	2018 Final
TMC (P) Current, based on actual HOEP WMSC, regulated tariffs, estimated rebate, etc.	12.1343	11.8888	11.3784
DCR <sub>new</sub>		11.7010	
Final DCR <sub>new</sub> = greater of:			
i) Average of TMC (2016, 2017, 2018)	11.8008		
ii) DCR <sub>new</sub> 2017 Final	11.7010		
DCR <sub>new</sub> 2018 Final			11.8008

### Background on TMC and the DCR

A significant number of Non-Utility Generator (“NUG”) Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”) contain provisions that provide for annual contract price adjustment based on the Ontario Hydro Direct Customer Rate (“DCR”). Since the DCR ceased to exist upon market opening it was necessary to establish a replacement index. The Board of Directors of OEFC approved the replacement of the DCR in the PPAs between OEFC and NUG’s on the basis set out in the draft working paper dated June 24, 2002 prepared by the working committee of OEFC representatives and Independent Power Producers Society of Ontario (“IPPSO”) representatives (“*working paper*”). This replacement index is based on the fully loaded cost of 100% load factor power that the typical direct customer would pay going forward in the restructured market, at the voltage provided. Values for DCR<sub>new</sub>(P) and TMC(P) in this paper are calculated in accordance with the *working paper*, for year P.

It should be noted that Calculation of the WMSC for a given month currently includes the following components:

1. Hourly Uplift Settlement Charges (amount in \$/MWh from IESO data identified as being ‘final’);
2. Daily Uplift Charges (amount in \$/MWh from IESO data identified as being ‘final’);
3. Monthly Uplift Charges (amount in \$/MWh from IESO data identified as being ‘final’);
4. IESO Administration Charge (amount in \$/MWh as determined by the OEB);
5. Rural and Remote Electricity Rate Protection (amount in \$/MWh, as determined by the OEB);
6. Capacity Based Demand Response charges (amount in \$/MWh from IESO data identified as being ‘final’); and,
7. Renewable Generation Connection Monthly Compensation Settlement Credit (amount in \$/MWh from IESO data identified as being ‘final’).

The WMSC published in IESO monthly reports (currently Section 7 of that report) are not used for TMC calculations, since they are based on preliminary hourly uplift settlement charges.

At market opening, the Market Power Mitigation Agreement (“MPMA”) rebate framework applied to all Ontario consumers, and as such, was incorporated in DCR<sub>new</sub> calculations. The MPMA rebate was replaced by the Business Protection Plan Rebate (“BPPR”) insofar as BPPR-eligible customers were concerned. While the MPMA rebate was used in the TMC calculations for May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003, the BPPR was used in the TMC calculation for subsequent periods, until March 31, 2005.

The commodity pricing mechanism changed with the establishment of the Global Adjustment effective January 1, 2005. The calculation of TMC was updated to reflect this change. The Global Adjustment reflects the difference between total payments made to contracted assets (including NUGs and RFP generators), load reduction contracts and regulated OPG generators (prescribed assets) and any offsetting market revenues. The Global Adjustment is calculated and paid each month and can be either positive or negative.

Additional details on these rebates and their treatment in the calculation of total market cost can be viewed in the updated Navigant Consulting letter to OEFC dated April 27, 2006 and posted on the OEFC website.

#### **Recovering the Cost of Renewable Energy Generation Connections**

The recovery of certain connection costs incurred by distribution companies with respect to renewable generation was enabled by Ontario Regulation 330/09. Navigant has included the Renewable Generation Connection Monthly Compensation Settlement Credit amounts in the monthly Wholesale Market Service Charges component of the TMC; however, for clarity, the monthly rates have been provided in Table 4 below. These values are also published within Section 7 of the IESO monthly reports.

**Table 4: Renewable Energy Generation Connection Monthly Compensation Settlement Credit**

<b>Month (2018)</b>	<b>Rate (\$/MWh)</b>	<b>Preliminary / Final</b>
January	\$0.0104	Final
February	\$0.0203	Final
March	\$0.0194	Final
April	\$0.0208	Final
May	\$0.0209	Final
June	\$0.0202	Final
July	\$0.0176	Final
August	\$0.0176	Final
September	\$0.0200	Final
October	\$0.0206	Final
November	\$0.0197	Final
December	\$0.0189	Final