

APPENDIX B

Economic Evaluation for Distribution System Expansion/Enhancement

This Costing method applies to all new servicing not covered by Appendix G that necessitates an Expansion and/or Enhancement of the Hydro Ottawa system. To support the Costs of supplying the additional Load or connecting a new service, capital contributions shall be required from new Load or Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Customers, when the Economic Evaluation results in a shortfall between the present value of the projected costs and revenues calculated under section 3.2.1 of the Distribution System Code. In most cases, Hydro Ottawa will require an expansion deposit as per section 3.2.20 of the Distribution System Code. The Economic Evaluation follows the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board 's Distribution System Code in chapter three (3) and the suggested formula from Appendix B, with Hydro Ottawa amendments detailed below. Any credits due for a DER project as prescribed by the Ontario Energy Board codes shall be deducted from the capital contributions required.

For servicing Commercial and DER projects, the servicing Costs beyond the Supply Point specific to the project (e.g., Connection assets) are recovered at one hundred percent (100%) and are not considered in the Economic Evaluation.

The Supply Point location may differ between residential and commercial Connections on or off the property. Consult the specific Connection type for details (see Section 3).

“Present Value” of Annual Wires Revenue and Annual Incremental Operating and Maintenance Costs (including all applicable taxes and third-party Costs) are applied using a forty (40) year net revenue horizon of metered Load usage for all residential connections and to a maximum of fifteen (15) year net revenue horizon for non-residential connections where the initial offer to connect was accepted by the developer or customer after November 18, 2024. Hydro Ottawa, at its sole discretion, may consider a revenue horizon of up to 25 years for non-residential MUSH Customers depending on the nature of the development, supporting business case, and guarantees provided by the Customer.

Hydro Ottawa’s Connection horizon for Customers is five (5) years as prescribed in Appendix B of the Ontario Energy Board’s Distribution System Code. The Connection horizon is calculated from the energization date of the facilities or the date in which energization of the facilities is possible. Where an expansion is constructed that relates to a qualifying housing development, as per Appendix B of the Distribution System Code, Hydro Ottawa will extend the customer connection horizon to a maximum of fifteen (15) years if requested to do so by the developer. In all other cases, the customer connection horizon is five (5) years. A distributor may extend the customer connection horizon in appropriate cases for up to 15 years, in which case the distributor will provide the Board with an explanation for the extension.

Where an Expansion Deposit was received, starting one year after the energization date, the Customer is entitled to an annual reduction of the Expansion deposit based on the number of Connections and/or Demand that occurred during each year of the connection horizon. It is the Customer's responsibility to provide the Connection details to Hydro Ottawa for verification. If, at the end of the duration of the connection horizon, the forecasted loading has not been met, Hydro Ottawa will retain any remaining portion of the Expansion deposit or may require additional funds to complete the servicing.

The Customer shall be required to pay any additional Costs beyond what is expected for a specific Expansion or Enhancement project under normal circumstances. Such exceptional circumstances include, yet are not limited to, work in a contaminated, heritage, or archaeological area, or where there is a request or a need to apply significantly higher construction or reliability standards above Hydro Ottawa's.

Hydro Ottawa will release the Customer's excess system capacity that was estimated with the Customer's initial system Expansion request after the connection horizon unless Hydro Ottawa provides the Customer specific capacity guarantee or the Customer is paying the OEB approved standby rates.