

MINUTES

DISTRIBUTION RATES TASK FORCE

January 21, 1999

OVERVIEW: The Task Force (TF) reviewed and discussed the PBR process and issues, and the progress of other TFs. The TF's Terms of Reference were reviewed. The TF discussed the Uniform System of Accounts and its relationship with PBR. The TF also discussed: unusual recent expenditures, variances in utility accounting practices, unbundling and rate structure, line losses, the settlements process, and contestable services. Professor Bill Canon presented the results of his research on capital costs to the Task Force.

ASSIGNMENTS: TF representatives agreed to form and participate in two subcommittees:

■ Working Group 1 – Services

Chair: Rob Reid, Great Lakes Power Ltd.
Ramona Abi Rashed, Whitby Hydro
Wayne Panko, Pickering Hydro
Maurice Tucci, MEA
Ralph Amar, Mississauga Hydro
Bruce Bacon, Econalysis Consulting Services
Ray Payne, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Gordon Firman, MEST

■ Working Group 2 – Rate Structure

Chair: Ed Jambor, London Hydro
Adrian Pye, Enbridge Consumers Gas
Rick Stevens, Ontario Hydro Services Co.
Gerry Dupont, Nepean HEC
Anthony Lam, Toronto Hydro
Al Clark, Waterloo North Hydro
Doug Cummings, Hamilton Hydro
Pran Sengupta, Sarnia Hydro

Each Working Group will prepare a short report for the next TF meeting.

OUTSTANDING

ISSUES: Service categorization, unbundling, and rates; line losses; default supplier role; competition and contestability; rate structure/rate adjustment impacts; consistency of historical accounting practices; and, capital costs among others.

SCHEDULE: TF will meet on the following dates at 9:30:

- 2/4, 2/18, 3/4 and 3/18.

