### Performance Outcomes

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<td>Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)</td>
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<td>Leverage: Total Debt (includes short-term and long-term debt) to Equity Ratio</td>
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<td>Return on Equity Achieved</td>
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1. Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04 assessed: Compliant (C); Needs Improvement (NI); or Non-Compliant (NC).
2. The trend's arrow direction is based on the comparison of the current 5-year rolling average to the fixed 5-year (2010 to 2014) average distributor-specific target on the right. An upward arrow indicates decreasing reliability while downward indicates improving reliability.
3. A benchmarking analysis determines the total cost figures from the distributor’s reported information.
4. The CDM measure is based on the new 2015-2020 Conservation First Framework. This measure is under review and subject to change in the future.
Wellington North Power Inc.’s 2015 Scorecard:
Management Discussion & Analysis

General Overview:

Wellington North Power Inc. is an electricity distribution company regulated by the Ontario Energy Board. Our company provides safe, reliable electricity distribution to consumers in the urban areas of Mount Forest, Arthur and Holstein.

Wellington North Power Inc.’s Scorecard summarizes how we are performing each year against measures set by the energy regulator, the Ontario Energy Board. All electricity distributors in Ontario publish their Scorecard performance results annually.

The Ontario Energy Board’s document titled “Scorecard - Performance Measure Descriptions” includes the technical definition, plain language description and how the measure may be compared for each of the Scorecard’s measures in the 2015 Scorecard Management Discussion and Analysis – this document can be viewed on the Ontario Energy Board’s website at:


In 2015, your local hydro company, Wellington North Power Inc. met or exceeded all industry-set performance targets.

Aging distribution infrastructure continues to be the primary challenge facing utilities today and, similar to most utilities in Ontario, Wellington North Power Inc. needs to maintain or replace aging infrastructure at an accelerated pace in order to maintain the reliability and safety of electricity distribution within our community.

Wellington North Power Inc. continues to focus on you, the customer. Wellington North Power Inc. makes every effort to engage its customers to ensure we are aware of your needs and we are committed to provide our customers with the most reliable service at the least possible cost.

In 2016, Wellington North Power Inc. will continue to focus on improving its overall scorecard performance results as compared to prior years. This performance improvement is expected as a result of continued investment in our infrastructure, our employees and in our response to your needs.

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2015 Scorecard. Should you have any questions or comments regarding Wellington North Power Inc.’s Scorecard, please visit our office at 290 Queen Street West in Mount Forest or telephone 519-323-1710 (8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday) or e-mail customerservice@wellingtonnorthpower.com

Wellington North Power
Customer Focus: **Service Quality**

- **New Residential/Small Business Services Connected on Time**
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. connected 19 low-voltage (connections under 750 volts) residential and small business customers within the five business day timeline as prescribed by the Ontario Energy Board. This represents a decrease of 60% in the number of connections compared to 2014 due to fewer new residential property developments in our service area.
  Wellington North Power Inc. views “New Services Connected on Time” as an important form of customer engagement because this is our first opportunity to meet and/or exceed customers’ expectations which promotes customer satisfaction.
  Consistent with prior years, Wellington North Power Inc. connected 100% of these customers on time (i.e. within 5 working days) which exceeds the Ontario Energy Board’s mandated target of 90% for this measure.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain the performance of this service.

- **Scheduled Appointments Met On Time**
  Wellington North Power Inc. scheduled 137 appointments (where the presence of a customer / customer representative is required) in 2015 to connect services, disconnect services, or otherwise complete work requested by its customers.
  Wellington North Power Inc. considers “Scheduled Appointments Met” as an important form of customer engagement as customer presence is required for all types of appointments. Wellington North Power Inc. met 95.6% of these appointments on time, which exceeds the Ontario Energy Board’s mandated target of 90% for this measure.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain the performance of this service.

- **Telephone Calls Answered On Time**
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. received 7,267 telephone calls. This represents a decrease of 31% in the number of calls in 2014. The decrease in call volumes is attributed to:
  a) Enhanced call reporting introduced in December 2014 where “non-qualified” (i.e. not related to electricity) are now excluded from the 2015 telephone statistics; and
  b) In 2015, there were no major weather events that resulted in power outages which typically increases call traffic.
  Wellington North Power Inc. considers “Telephone Calls” to be an important communication tool for responding to customers’ needs. Consistent with prior years, a Wellington North Power Customer Service Representative live-answered 100% of these calls in 30 seconds or less, which exceeds the Ontario Energy Board mandated target of 65% for this measure.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain the performance of this service.
Customer Focus: **Customer Satisfaction**

- **First Contact Resolution**
  First Contact Resolution is a scorecard measure introduced by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in 2014. Currently, there is no standardized definition and therefore this measure may differ from other utilities in the Province. Wellington North Power Inc. defines “First Contact Resolution” as the number of customer service enquiries received by telephone that are resolved by the first contact person at the utility (i.e. the query is not escalated to an alternative person at the company such as a supervisor or a manager.) Wellington North Power Inc. considers the ability to address customer enquiries efficiently and accurately to be an essential component of customer satisfaction.
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. received 5,134 enquiries from its customers, of which 99.63% were successfully resolved at the point of first contact.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain this level of customer satisfaction for 2016.

- **Billing Accuracy**
  Billing Accuracy is defined as the number of accurate bills issued expressed as a percentage of total bills issued. Wellington North Power Inc. considers timely and accurate billing to be an essential component of customer satisfaction.
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. issued 45,738 customer bills and achieved a billing accuracy of 99.56% which is above the Ontario Energy Board mandated target of 98%.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain this level of customer satisfaction for 2016.

- **Customer Satisfaction Survey Results**
  Customer Satisfaction Survey is a scorecard measure introduced by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) in 2014. Currently, there is no standardized definition and therefore this measure may differ from other utilities in the Province.
  In 2014, Wellington North Power Inc. engaged a third-party organization to conduct a customer satisfaction survey. This statistical survey canvassed a number of key areas including power quality and reliability, price, billing and payments, communications, and the overall customer service experience.
  Wellington North Power Inc. considers this satisfaction survey to be useful tool for engagement to identify customer requirements with respect to the provision of electricity services as well as identifying areas that may require improvement.
  For 2014, Wellington North Power Inc. received a rating of “A” on its customer satisfaction survey.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. is required to report on this measure on a biennial basis (every second year) with the next survey being conducted in 2016.
• Public Safety
The Public Safety measure is generated by the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) and consists of three components as described below:

a) Component A – Public Awareness of Electrical Safety:
Component A involves a new statistical survey that gauges the public’s awareness of key electrical safety concepts related to electrical distribution equipment located in Wellington North Power Inc.’s service area. The survey also provides a benchmark of the levels of awareness including identifying gaps where additional education and awareness efforts may be required.
Wellington North Power Inc. engaged a third-party organization to conduct the Electrical Safety Authority’s Public Awareness safety survey. The utility considers this survey to be useful tool to measure customer’s knowledge of electrical safety as well as identifying areas that may require improvement.
For 2015’s Scorecard, Wellington North Power Inc. received a rating of 82.4% on public awareness safety survey which falls within the very tight spectrum of index scores for all participating distribution companies in Ontario.

Outlook: Wellington North Power Inc. is required to report on this measure on a biennial basis (every second year) with the next survey being conducted in 2017.

b) Component B – Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04:
Component B is an evaluation of Wellington North Power Inc.’s compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04 – “Electrical Distribution Safety”. Ontario Regulation 22/04 defines the safety requirements for the design, construction, and maintenance of electrical distribution systems, particularly in relation to the approvals and inspections required prior to putting electrical equipment into service. Annual audits conducted by the Electrical Safety Authority have reported that Wellington North Power Inc. was “C” - Compliant with Ontario Regulation 22/04 (Electrical Distribution Safety). This has been achieved and maintained by our resilient commitment to safety coupled with the adherence to company procedures & policies.

Outlook: Wellington North Power Inc. will continue to construct and maintain the electrical distribution system in accordance with the safety standards set-out by the Ontario Regulation 22/04 code.

c) Component C - Serious Electrical Incident Index:
Component C consists of the number of serious electrical incidents, including fatalities, which occur within a utility’s territory. During 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. had zero fatalities and zero serious incidents within its operating service area of the urban areas of Mount Forest, Arthur and Holstein.

Outlook: Wellington North Power Inc. will continue its commitment to safety to protect the public and employees within our community.
Operational Effectiveness: **System Reliability**

- **Average Number of Hours that Power to a Customer is Interrupted**
  The average number of hours that power to a customer is interrupted is a measure of system reliability or the ability of a system to perform its required function. Wellington North Power Inc. considers the reliability of electrical service as a high priority for its customers and constantly monitors its distribution system for signs of reliability degradation. Regularly maintenance of equipment is required to ensure the level of reliability is kept as high as possible.
  The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requires a utility to keep its hours of interruption within the range of its historical performance; however, factors such as severe weather, defective equipment, or even regularly scheduled maintenance can greatly impact this measure.
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. achieved 0.06 average hours of interrupted power which is within the range of the utilities 5-year rolling average performance of 0.33 for interrupted power between 2011 and 2015.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain this level of system reliability.

- **Average Number of Times that Power to a Customer is Interrupted**
  The average number of times that power to a customer is interrupted is also a measure of system reliability and is also a high priority for Wellington North Power Inc. As outlined above, the OEB also typically requires a utility to keep this measure within the range of its historical performance and outside factors can also greatly impact this measure.
  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. experienced interrupted power 0.06 times, which is within the range of the utilities 5-year rolling average performance of 0.16 for interrupted power between 2011 and 2015.

  **Outlook:** This trend is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

**Notes:**

1) The above measures exclude power outages caused by a “Loss of Supply”. A “Loss of Supply” are interruptions due to an outage that occurs upstream of a Wellington North Power Inc.’s electricity system and is beyond the control of the company.

2) Wellington North Power Inc. has adopted a proactive, balanced approach to distribution system planning, infrastructure investment and replacement programs to address immediate risks associated with end-of-life assets; manage distribution system risks; ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity; and balance customers’ expectations versus utility affordability. This approach has been summarized in the company’s Distribution System Plan which is discussed below.
Operational Effectiveness: **Asset Management**

- **Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress**
  Distribution system plan implementation progress is a performance measure implemented by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) beginning in 2013. The Distribution System Plan illustrates Wellington North Power Inc.’s forecasted capital expenditures over the next five years that are required to maintain the utility’s electricity system to serve its current and future customers.
  The Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress measure is intended to assess Wellington North Power Inc.’s effectiveness at planning and implementing these capital expenditures. Consistent with other new measures, utilities were given an opportunity to define this measure in the manner that best fits their organization and as a result, this measure may differ from other utilities in the Province.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board for a complete review and approval of its rates effective May 1, 2016 and included in this request was the utility’s Distribution System Plan. (A copy of the application is available at Wellington North Power Inc.’s office or reviewed at the utility’s website [https://www.wellingtonnorthpower.com/oeb-filings.cfm “2016 Distribution Rate Application: EB-2015-0110” page 147 onwards] or accessed through the OEB’s website [http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/) case # EB-2015-0110.)

Operational Effectiveness: **Cost Control**

- **Efficiency Assessment**
  The total costs for Ontario local electricity distribution companies are evaluated by the Pacific Economics Group LLC on behalf of the Ontario Energy Board to produce a single efficiency ranking. The electricity distributors are divided into five groups based on the magnitude of the difference between their respective individual actual and predicted costs.
  [Five groups efficiency are ranked as: I = Excellent; II = Good; III = Average; IV = Fair; and V = Poor]

  In 2015, for the fourth consecutive year, Wellington North Power Inc. was placed in Group IV in terms of efficiency – i.e. defined as having actual costs between 10% to 25% above predicted costs. Group IV is considered “fair”, in other words, costs are slightly above the average cost range for distributors in the Province of Ontario.

  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc.’s Operating Costs reduced by 3.4% compared to 2014; (the average operating costs for all electricity companies in the Province was an increase of 2.59% from 2014 to 2015.)

  **Outlook:** Although Wellington North Power Inc.’s forward looking goal is to advance to a “more efficient” group, management’s expectation is that its efficiency performance will not decline in the foreseeable future.
• **Total Cost per Customer**

  Total cost per customer is calculated as:

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  \text{Cost per Customer} = \frac{\text{Capital Costs + Operating Expenses}}{\text{Total Number of Customers}}
  \]

  The cost performance result for 2015 is $791 per customer which is a 0.76% change ($6 increase) compared to 2014.

  Wellington North Power Inc.’s Total Cost per Customer has increased by 3.5% over the period 2011 to 2015 which equates to an increase of $6.75 per year. Similar to most distributors in the province, Wellington North Power Inc. has experienced increases in its total costs required to deliver quality and reliable services to customers. Province wide programs such as Time of Use pricing, growth in wage and benefits costs for our employees, as well as investments in new information systems technology and the renewal and growth of the distribution system, have all contributed to increased operating and capital costs. Wellington North Power Inc. will continue to replace distribution assets balancing system risks and customer rate impacts as demonstrated in the utility’s Cost of Service 2016 rate application. In addition, on-going customer engagement initiatives will continue in order to ensure customers have an opportunity to share their viewpoint on their local hydro’s capital spending plans.

  **Outlook:** It is anticipated that utility costs are expected to keep pace with economic fluctuations; however, Wellington North Power Inc. will continue to implement productivity and efficiency improvements to help offset some of the costs associated with distribution system enhancements while maintaining the reliability and quality of its distribution system.

• **Total Cost per Km of Line**

  Total cost per kilometer of line is calculated as:

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  \text{Cost per Km} = \frac{\text{Capital Costs + Operating Expenses}}{\text{Kilometers of line}}
  \]

  The cost performance result for 2015 is $38,763 customer which is a 0.6% change ($211 increase) compared to 2014.

  Wellington North Power Inc.’s growth rate for its territory is considered to be relatively steady. A steady growth rate has maintained Wellington North Power Inc.’s ability to fund future capital projects and operating costs. Wellington North Power Inc. will continue to seek innovative solutions to help ensure cost/km of line remains competitive and within acceptable limits to our customers.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. believes the cost per kilometer of line is expected to remain stable based on the 2016 operating and capital budgets; however, the utility has planned for two major capital projects in 2016 and 2018, focusing on maintaining service reliability and increasing load capacity – these projects are included in Wellington North Power Inc.’s 2016 Cost of Service rate application that has been filed with the energy regulator for review and approval.
Public Policy Responsiveness: Conservation & Demand Management

In 2015, a new energy conservation program called “Conservation First Framework” was mandated by the Ministry of Energy for the period 2015 to 2020 (6 years). Consequently, the program administrator, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Board established CDM targets for the reduction of electrical consumption (kWh’s) to be met by licensed electricity distributors across the province.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) supports this initiative by measuring the energy savings as a result of regulator approved energy saving programs. These approved energy savings programs are available to all energy consumers (customer classes – Residential, Small Business, Industrial and Commercial).

Wellington North Power Inc. Energy Conservation Plan has been approved by the Independent Electricity System Operator – a copy of this plan is available on Wellington North Power Inc.’s website: http://www.wellingtonnorthpower.com

- **Net Cumulative Energy Savings (percent of target achieved)**
  Wellington North Power Inc.’s Energy Savings target for the period is 5.90 GWh (5,900,000 kWh – equivalent to a 5% annual reduction of energy consumption of all Wellington North Power Inc.’s customers in Arthur, Holstein and Mount Forest.)

  At the end of 2015, the actual kWh Energy Savings achieved was 0.709 GWh (709,927 kWh) or 12.05% of the six-year target (above the industry minimum expectation of 8.3%). Wellington North Power Inc. continued to forge good relationships with residential and small businesses. This was achieved by leveraging the suite of regulator approved energy-saving programs designed for the residential, small business and commercial customers.

**Outlook:** In January 2016, Wellington North Power Inc. announced the partnership with GreenSaver for delivery and promotion of conservation programs in our service area. We are excited about this partnership and we will continue to promote energy conservation to all our customers.

The energy conservation section on our website offers excellent energy savings tips, ideas and updates as well as further information for residential and business customers – please visit https://www.wellingtonnorthpower.com/conservation.cfm
Public Policy Responsiveness: Connection of Renewable Generation

- **Renewable Generation Connection Impact Assessments Completed on Time**
  Electricity distributors are required to conduct Connection Impact Assessments (CIA’s) on all renewable generation connections within 60 days of receiving authorization from the Electrical Safety Authority. Wellington North Power Inc. has developed and implemented an internal procedure to ensure compliance with this regulation. All CIA’s are conducted internally by Wellington North Power Inc. Operations’ team.

  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. received no new renewable generation requests. (In 2013, Wellington North Power Inc. completed 1 CIA which was completed within the prescribed time limit.)

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. anticipates no / very few new renewable generation requests in 2016 and 2017; however, the utility is ready to review and support requests if there is customer demand.

- **New Micro-embedded Generation Facilities Connected On Time**
  Micro-embedded generation facilities consist of solar, wind, or other clean energy projects of less than 10 kW that are typically installed by homeowners, farms or small businesses. The Ontario Energy Board’s expects these facilities, once contractually approved by the Independent Electricity System Operator, to be connected within 5 business days.

  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc. received one new micro-embedded generation facility requests within its territory which was connected within the required 5 business days.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. anticipates that there will be new Micro-embedded Generation facility connections in 2016 and 2017. The utility’s process for these projects is well documented and we work closely with its customers and their contractors to ensure their needs are met and/or exceeded.
Financial Performance: Financial Ratios

- **Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)**
  As an indicator of financial health, a current ratio indicates a company's ability to pay its short term debts and financial obligations. Typically, a current ratio between 1 and 1.5 is considered good. If the current ratio is below 1, then a company may have problems meeting its current financial obligations. If the current ratio is too high (higher than 1.5) then the company may be inefficient at using its current assets or its short-term financing facilities.

  Wellington North Power Inc.’s current ratio increased from 0.79 in 2014 to 0.97 in 2015.

  As described in Wellington North Power Inc.’s 2014 Scorecard, Wellington North Power Inc. completed a major capital investment project in 2014 (replacing one of its six substations - the “old” substation was over 50 years old and was showing signs of age and deterioration.) The utility applied for a loan to finance this capital project and, although the financial institution approved the loan amount in early December 2014, the funds were transferred in March 2015. Consequently, Wellington North Power Inc. used its own assets (“cash”) and incurred short-term debt to ensure the substation was in-service by the end of 2014 to meet the expectations of the Ontario Energy Board. As a result, Wellington North Power Inc.’s cash position at the end of 2014 / opening 2015 was lower than in previous years, therefore affecting the company’s current ratio.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc.’s current ratio is expected to increase to/above 1 in 2016.

- **Leverage: Total Debt (includes short-term and long-term debt) to Equity Ratio**
  The debt to equity ratio is a financial ratio indicating the relative proportion of shareholders' equity and debt used to finance a company's assets. The Ontario Energy Board uses a capital structure of 60% debt and 40% equity (a debt to equity ratio of 60/40 or 1.5) when setting rates for an electricity utility. A high debt to equity ratio may indicate that an electricity distributor may have difficulty generating sufficient cash flows to make its debt payments, while a low debt-to-equity ratio may indicate that an electricity distributor is not taking advantage of the increased profits that may be had through increased financial debt.

  In 2015, Wellington North Power Inc.’s debt to equity ratio was 1.56, which resembles the ratio expected by the Ontario Energy Board.

  **Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. expects to maintain a debt to equity ratio of 1.5 as per the Ontario Energy Board’s expectations in 2016.
• **Profitability: Regulatory Return on Equity – Deemed (included in rates)**

Return on Equity (ROE) measures the rate of return on shareholder equity. ROE demonstrates an organization’s profitability or how well a company uses its investments to generate earnings growth. A ROE of 10% is generally considered good. Wellington North Power Inc.’s current distribution rates were approved by the OEB in 2012 and include an expected (deemed) regulatory return on equity of 9.12%. The Ontario Energy Board allows a distributor to earn within +/- 3% of the expected return on equity. If a distributor performs outside of this range, it may trigger a regulatory review of the distributor’s financial structure by the OEB.

• **Profitability: Regulatory Return on Equity – Achieved**

Wellington North Power Inc. achieved a ROE of 7.30% in 2015, which is within the +/-3% range allowed by the Ontario Energy Board (see above paragraph) – a variance of 1.82% lower than the deemed ROE of 9.12%.

The ROE over the past four years for Wellington North Power Inc. has continued to steadily increase each year, emphasizing the increasing profitability of the utility year-over-year predominately due to good cost-control and budgetary practices.

**Outlook:** Wellington North Power Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board for a complete review and approval of its rates effective May 1, 2016. Through this application, it is anticipated that the Return on Equity (ROE) measure will be revised by the regulator for 2016.

(A copy of the application is available at Wellington North Power Inc.’s office or reviewed at the utility’s website [https://www.wellingtonnorthpower.com/oeb-filings.cfm “2016 Distribution Rate Application: EB-2015-0110”] or accessed through the OEB’s website [http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/ case # EB-2015-0110].)

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**Important Note to Readers of 2015 Scorecard Management Discussion & Analysis**

The information provided by Wellington North Power Inc. for their future performance (“outlook” or what can be construed as forward-looking information) may be subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual events, conditions or results to differ materially from historical results or those contemplated by the distributor regarding their future performance. Some of the factors that could cause such differences include legislative or regulatory developments, financial market conditions, general economic conditions and the weather. For these reasons, the information on future performance is intended to be management’s best judgment on the reporting date of the performance scorecard, and could be markedly different in the future.