#### Scorecard - Lakefront Utilities Inc.

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erformance Outcomes	Performance Categories	Measures			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend	Industry	Distributo
Customer Focus  Services are provided in a manner that responds to identified customer preferences.	Service Quality	New Residential/Small Business Services Connected on Time		91.17%	92.89%	94.80%	92.66%	91.30%	0	90.00%		
		Scheduled Appointments Met On Time			100.00%	93.62%	98.89%	96.30%	94.62%	O	90.00%	
		Telephone Calls Answered On Time		82.27%	95.62%	90.27%	98.76%	98.23%	0	65.00%		
	Customer Satisfaction	First Contact Resolution			99.77%	99.46%	99.88%	99.94%	99.96%			
		Billing Accuracy			99.79%	99.95%	99.97%	99.98%	99.93%	0	98.00%	
		Customer Satisfaction Survey Results		77.70%	77.70%	77.00%	77.00%	81.17%				
Operational Effectiveness  Continuous improvement in productivity and cost performance is achieved; and distributors deliver on system reliability and quality objectives.	Safety	Level of Public Awareness			83.00%	82.60%	82.60%	83.90%	83.90%			
		Level of Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04			NC	С	С	С	С	-		
		Serious Electrical	Number of G	eneral Public Incidents	0	0	0	0	0			
		Incident Index	Rate per 10,	100, 1000 km of line	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000			0.0
	System Reliability	Average Number of Hours that Power to a Customer is Interrupted <sup>2</sup>			4.67	0.99	0.63	2.80	3.22	U		1
		Average Number of Times that Power to a Customer is Interrupted <sup>2</sup>			1.53	0.60	0.36	2.02	1.33	0		(
	Asset Management	Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress			Completed	Completed	81%	81.25%	81.25%			
	Cost Control	Efficiency Assessment			2	1	1	1	1			
		Total Cost per Customer <sup>3</sup>			\$500	\$518	\$545	\$650	\$673			
		Total Cost per Km of Line 3			\$24,061	\$24,743	\$26,234	\$29,514	\$31,102			
ublic Policy Responsiveness stributors deliver on oligations mandated by overnment (e.g., in legislation d in regulatory requirements uposed further to Ministerial rectives to the Board).	Connection of Renewable Generation	New Micro-embedded Generation Facilities Connected On Time			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	•	90.00%		
Financial Performance Financial viability is maintained; and savings from operational effectiveness are sustainable.	Financial Ratios	Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)			0.97	0.95	0.78	0.72	1.05			
		Leverage: Total Debt (includes short-term and long-term debt) to Equity Ratio			1.15	1.09	0.96	1.01	1.40			
		Profitability: Regulatory Return on Equity		Deemed (included in rates)	8.78%	8.78%	8.66%	8.66%	8.66%			
				Achieved	5.49%	5.93%	10.87%	4.27%	6.60%	0%		
Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22	2/04 assessed: Compliant (C); Needs Im		iant (NC).				I	_egend:	5-year trend	down	<b>5</b> flot	

<sup>2.</sup> An upward arrow indicates decreasing reliability while downward indicates improving reliability.



<sup>3.</sup> A benchmarking analysis determines the total cost figures from the distributor's reported information.

# 2025 Scorecard Management Discussion and Analysis ("2024 Scorecard MD&A")

The link below provides a document titled "Scorecard - Performance Measure Descriptions" that has the technical definition, plain language description and how the measure may be compared for each of the Scorecard's measures in the 2018 Scorecard MD&A: <a href="http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/">http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/</a> Documents/scorecard/Scorecard Performance Measure Descriptions.pdf

## Scorecard MD&A - General Overview

In 2024, Lakefront Utilities Inc. (LUI) continued to demonstrate strong performance across the Ontario Energy Board's key scorecard measures, reflecting our commitment to providing safe, reliable, and efficient electricity distribution to our customers. LUI consistently exceeded the OEB's performance targets in several areas, including timely service connections, scheduled appointments, call response times, billing accuracy, and first contact resolution. These results highlight the effectiveness of our operational strategies, investment in mobile workforce deployments, and focus on customer engagement and satisfaction. In addition, LUI maintained high standards of public and workplace safety, advanced its Distribution System Plan commitments, and continued to deliver reliable service while controlling costs relative to industry benchmarks. Collectively, these achievements underscore LUI's ongoing dedication to regulatory compliance, customer service excellence, and continuous improvement.

# **Service Quality**

### New Residential/Small Business Services Connected on Time

In 2024, LUI performed at 91.30% with meeting appointments on time, which exceeds the Board's target of 90%. The electric field staff and management can manage all the orders to ensure timely completion in an efficient way due to mobile deployments implemented throughout the organization.

LUI works closely with developers to incorporate the connection work required during the various phases of construction to connect on time.

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#### Scheduled Appointments Met On Time

LUI scheduled 93 appointments in 2024 to complete work requested by customers. Similar to prior years, the utility performed well, meeting all scheduled appointments. LUI's performance of 94.62% exceeds the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) target of 90%.

## Telephone Calls Answered On Time

LUI received 4,906 qualifying incoming calls in 2024. The Distribution System Code (DSC) requires calls to be answered within 30 seconds when a customer calls into the customer care line. The Ontario Energy Board has a target for utilities to achieve at least a 65% answering time within 30 seconds from qualifying incoming calls. LUI exceeded these expectations by performing at 98.23%.

### **Customer Satisfaction**

#### First Contact Resolution

The Ontario Energy Board issued a new measure to see how successful utilities are at resolving customer requests from the first point of contact with the utility, starting July 1, 2014. Since this was a new implementation, utilities were given the opportunity to independently strategize how they could measure their first contact resolution.

LUI measures this performance by logging all calls, letters, and emails received, and tracks them to determine if the inquiry was successfully answered at the first point of contact. A series of logged calls would be created to assist the customer service representative to accurately choose the logged call pertaining to the inquiry received. A specific service order has been created to track any call, letter, or email that were not resolved at the first point of contact.

LUI performed at 99.96% with logging 2 requests needing secondary attempts to resolve.

#### Billing Accuracy

It is a crucial part of our business to ensure accuracy on our customer's bill. LUI performs due diligence by testing

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the consumption levels in correlation to the amount expensed to its customers. The utility also performs analysis of meter reading data and fixing any errors that may arise, before it is input onto the customer's bill.

In 2024, LUI issued 139,125 bills with 94 being inaccurate and requiring corrections and reissuing. LUI performed at 99.93% which is above OEB's standard of 98%.

#### Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

LUI completed a survey in 2024 based on question scoring and index methodologies prescribed by the Electricity Distribution Association and a market research company called Innovative. A sample size of over 4% of LUI's customers were interviewed. This survey was conducted in 2024 and LUI achieved a rating of 81.17%. This is consistent with prior years and LUI reviewed the survey results to implement new customer engagement methods.

# **Safety**

## Public Safety

Public Safety measures are regulated by the Electrical Safety Authority and consists of three components: Public Awareness of Electrical Safety, Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04, and the Serious Electrical Incident Index. Details of these three components are indicated below:

## Component A – Public Awareness of Electrical Safety

Component A is a survey that measures the public's awareness of key electrical safety concepts related to electrical distribution equipment found in a utility's territory. The survey provides a benchmark of the levels of awareness identifying areas where education and awareness efforts may be needed. LUI's results were 83.90%, an increase of 1.30% since the last survey completed in 2022 (82.60%).

### Component B – Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04

Component B consists of utility compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04 - Electrical Distribution Safety. Ontario Regulation 22/04 establishes 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. Lakefront Utilities Inc. was found to be compliant with Ontario Regulation 22/04 (Electrical Distribution Safety) for the period of March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024.

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### Component C – Serious Electrical Incident Index

Component C consists of the number of serious electrical incidents and fatalities, which may occur within a utility's service territory. This measure is intended to address the impacts and need for improving public electrical safety on the distribution network. Lakefront Utilities Inc. rated 0.00 for serious electrical incidents per 100 km of line in 2024, similar to their achievements for the prior five years.

# **System Reliability**

# Average Number of Hours that Power to a Customer is Interrupted

The average hours that power is interrupted is a measure of system reliability. LUI is continuously improving the reliability of electricity being delivered to its customers by replacing equipment and performing the necessary maintenance on its distribution infrastructure. In 2024, LUI had an average of 3.22 hours that power was interrupted to its customers.

LUI continues to view the reliability of electricity service as a high priority for its customers and as such, makes continuous efforts to invest where required. Unplanned outages are continuously communicated through various channels such as Facebook, Twitter, the Lakefront App, Live Chat, by phone, and our website, in real-time. Customers are also informed about live updates from the field such as outage size, location(s), the cause, and dispatching information.

# Average Number of Times that Power to a Customer is Interrupted

The average number of times that power to a customer is interrupted is a measure to determine the system reliability of delivering electricity. The average customer experienced power interruption 1.33 times in the year 2024. This is a decrease from 2023.

# **Asset Management**

# Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress

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As a filing requirement with the Ontario Energy Board, a Distribution System Plan (DSP) needs to be completed by utilities consisting of several areas such as investment lifecycles, maintenance planning, renewable energy plans, and asset management policies. The DSP outlines LUI's forecasted capital expenditures, over the next five (5) years, required to maintain and expand the electricity system to service its current and future customers.

The key areas of focus in LUI's 5 year DSP include:

- Performance Measurement for Continuous Improvement
- Asset Management and Capital Investment Process
- Overview of Assets Managed
- Asset Lifecycle Optimization Policies and Practices
- Capital Expenditure Plan and Process Overview

LUI was on target with completing its DSP and submitted it with the Cost-of-Service rate application that was filed for rates effective January 1, 2022.

### **Cost Control**

### • Efficiency Assessment

The Ontario Energy Board acquired expert consultants from the Pacific Economics Group LLC (PEG) to evaluate electric distributors' efficiencies. These efficiencies are based on each utility's actual cost compared to the average levels predicted by a study conducted by PEG. Based on the efficiency levels achieved, each utility is grouped in their ranking with the most efficient being assigned to Group 1 and the least efficient to Group 5.

From 2013 to 2020 Lakefront was assigned to Group 2. With 57 electrical distributors across Ontario, LUI proudly achieved a place in the most efficient group, Group 1, again in latest PEG report issued August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### Total Cost per Customer

The total cost per customer is the sum of Lakefront's capital and operating costs incurred divided by the total number of customers that the distributor serves. LUI's total cost per customer for 2024 was \$673 which increased per customer by \$23 in comparison to the prior year. The increase of 3.54%.

### Total Cost per Km of Line

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The total cost per Km of line is a similar measure as above where it can be used as a comparison to other utilities and its past performance levels in terms of cost efficiencies. The total cost is divided by the kilometers of line that LUI operates to serve its customers. In 2024, LUI's cost per km of line was \$31,102. Like above, the increase of 5.38%.

# **Conservation & Demand Management**

Net Cumulative Energy Savings

The Conservation and Demand Management programs are being administered directly by the IESO, through Save On Energy programs.

LUI continues to promote conversation tips through social media, customer engagement activities, and newsletters to our customers. Tools were added to our customer portal such as real-time usage information and an electricity pricing plan calculator to assist customers to choose the best price plan based on their actual historical usage.

## **Connection of Renewable Generation**

Renewable Generation Connection Impact Assessments Completed on Time

Since 2020, connection impact assessments do not need to be reported to the OEB.

New Micro-embedded Generation Facilities Connected On Time

Micro-embedded generations are supplied from renewable energy sources such as sun, wind, and water at a capacity of less than 10 kW. In 2022, LUI had two micro-embedded generation facilities connected.

### **Financial Ratios**

Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)

The current ratio is a test to see if a company is capable of paying its short-term debts and financial obligations. A ratio under 1 indicates the company's current liabilities is greater than its current assets possibly causing them the inability to meet their short-term obligations. On the other hand, a greater than 1 ratio shows the company has a good standing with meeting its creditor's demand. Although, it depends from industry to industry an adequate current

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ratio falls between 1.5 and 3.

In 2024, LUI's current ratio was 1.05. The decrease in the current ratio is primarily the result of an increase in inventory costs due to increased pricing and additional inventory ordered for capital jobs to be completed in 2024.

# Leverage: Total Debt (includes short-term and long-term debt) to Equity Ratio

The total debt to equity ratio is a measure of financial leverage used to finance a company's assets. This leverage is evaluated from the proportion between the shareholder's equity and debt. Ideally, the Ontario Energy Board structured the capital mix at a 60/40 (or 1.5) ratio. A ratio of more than 1.5 means the company may be highly leveraged with financing and possibly unable to generate adequate cash flow to pay its debt.

LUI's debt-to-equity ratio is 1.40 in 2022. LUI's debt-to-equity ratio is consistent with prior years with immaterial fluctuations.

### Profitability: Regulatory Return on Equity – Deemed (included in rates)

The OEB permits an electricity distributor to earn within +/- 3% of the expected 8.66% return of equity. When a distributor performs outside of this earning threshold, a regulatory audit of the distributor's financials could be initiated by the OEB.

## • Profitability: Regulatory Return on Equity - Achieved

LUI achieved a return of equity of 6.6% in 2024, which is within the 5.66% to 11.66% range allowed by the Ontario Energy Board.

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# Note to Readers of 2024 Scorecard MD&A

The information provided by distributors on their future performance (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 judgement on the reporting date of the performance scorecard and could be markedly different in the future.

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