

2012-2013 Distribution Rate Application Stakeholder Consultation

Density Study Discussion Questions September 8, 2010

1. a) Is now the right time to study rate classification/density (in light of pending TOU rates, Smart Meters, rate increases, etc.)?

b) How much tolerance is there for rate changes at this time?
2. Is density an appropriate factor to define rate classes?
3. Are there factors other than density that distinguish urban versus rural rate classes?
4. Is there value to more precisely determining the costs applicable to existing density-based residential rate classes?
5. What are the cost factors applicable to urban and rural rate classes?
6. How precisely should the data collected in the study reflect actual cost of service, and how should these best be determined (e.g., using sample data from Hydro One, using benchmark data from a variety of LDC's, engineering analysis, connectivity analysis)?