

# Scorecard - Orillia Power Distribution Corporation

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Performance Outcomes	Performance Categories	Measures	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Trend	Target	
									Industry	Distributor
<b>Customer Focus</b> Services are provided in a manner that responds to identified customer preferences.	<b>Service Quality</b>	New Residential/Small Business Services Connected on Time	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	↔	90.00%	
		Scheduled Appointments Met On Time	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.78%	100.00%	↓	90.00%	
		Telephone Calls Answered On Time	92.60%	96.60%	97.43%	96.95%	98.83%	↑	65.00%	
	<b>Customer Satisfaction</b>	First Contact Resolution	99.93%	99.93%	99.88%	99.9%	99.89%	↔		
		Billing Accuracy	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%	99.99%	99.99%	↔	98.00%	
		Customer Satisfaction Survey Results	A	A	A	A	A			
<b>Operational Effectiveness</b> Continuous improvement in productivity and cost performance is achieved; and distributors deliver on system reliability and quality objectives.	<b>Safety</b>	Level of Public Awareness	83.00%	83.00%	84.00%	84.00%	84.00%	↔		
		Level of Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04 <sup>1</sup>	C	C	C	C	C	↔		C
		Serious Electrical Incident Index	Number of General Public Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	↔	
	Rate per 10, 100, 1000 km of line		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	↔		0.000
	<b>System Reliability</b>	Average Number of Hours that Power to a Customer is Interrupted <sup>2</sup>	1.06	0.52	3.63	1.43	0.82	↑		1.00
		Average Number of Times that Power to a Customer is Interrupted <sup>2</sup>	2.44	1.10	0.92	1.50	0.54	↑		1.26
	<b>Asset Management</b>	Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress	In Progress	In Progress	In progress	In progress	Pending			
	<b>Cost Control</b>	Efficiency Assessment	3	3	3	3	3			
		Total Cost per Customer <sup>3</sup>	\$614	\$658	\$646	\$666	\$676			
Total Cost per Km of Line <sup>3</sup>		\$35,448	\$37,337	\$36,942	\$38,646	\$39,810				
<b>Public Policy Responsiveness</b> Distributors deliver on obligations mandated by government (e.g., in legislation and in regulatory requirements imposed further to Ministerial directives to the Board).	<b>Conservation &amp; Demand Management</b>	Net Cumulative Energy Savings <sup>4</sup>	10.02%	23.63%	44.65%	55.00%	73.00%			16.58 GWh
	<b>Connection of Renewable Generation</b>	Renewable Generation Connection Impact Assessments Completed On Time	100.00%	100.00%						
		New Micro-embedded Generation Facilities Connected On Time	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		↔	90.00%	
<b>Financial Performance</b> Financial viability is maintained; and savings from operational effectiveness are sustainable.	<b>Financial Ratios</b>	Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	1.17	0.75	0.70	0.72	0.61			
		Leverage: Total Debt (includes short-term and long-term debt) to Equity Ratio	1.01	1.19	1.05	0.97	1.14			
		Profitability: Regulatory Deemed (included in rates)	9.85%	9.85%	9.85%	9.85%	9.85%			
		Return on Equity	Achieved	8.99%	-1.59%	11.03%	7.55%	6.02%		

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 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 now discontinued 2015-2020 Conservation First Framework. 2019 results include savings reported to the IESO up until the end of February 2020.

**Legend:**

5-year trend  
 ↑ up   ↓ down   ↔ flat

Current year  
 ● target met   ● target not met

## Appendix A

### 2019 Scorecard Management Discussion and Analysis (“2019 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 2019 Scorecard MD&A:

[http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/ Documents/scorecard/Scorecard Performance Measure Descriptions.pdf](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Documents/scorecard/Scorecard%20Performance%20Measure%20Descriptions.pdf)

#### Scorecard MD&A - General Overview

Orillia Power continues to focus on system improvements that will enhance reliability and efficiency including continuous improvement of our asset management tools and procedures. Orillia Power seeks to extract the maximum value from our distribution system and deliver reliable, cost effective services to our customers and to meet the expected demand for electricity due to new residential and commercial growth. A new substation completed in 2019 improved customer reliability and addressed future capacity growth in the quickly growing west end of Orillia.

While Orillia Power has no control over the commodity price (the electricity line) on customer bills, Orillia Power manages the distribution cost component (the delivery line) on customer bills and in doing so, seeks efficiencies and cost savings while striving to maintain first class customer service, dealing professionally with customers, delivering on service commitments, and responding in a timely manner to all inquiries.

Orillia Power expects to achieve or exceed our performance targets in 2020 by continuing to focus on customer needs, system efficiencies and continuous improvement in all performance categories.

#### Service Quality

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

In 2019, Orillia Power connected 100% of 400 eligible low-voltage residential and small business customers (those utilizing connections under 750 volts) to our system within the five-day timeline prescribed by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). This is consistent with previous years and above the OEB-mandated threshold of 90%. In order to provide increased efficiency and convenience for customers, where possible, Orillia Power coordinates connection activities with other planned construction activities undertaken by the utility, other utilities or municipal and provincial government agencies.

##### Scheduled Appointments Met on Time

In 2019, Orillia Power scheduled 456 appointments to complete work requested by customers. Orillia Power attempts to meet 100% of its appointments on time. The company recognizes and respects the value of customers’ time and demonstrates this by consistently exceeding the industry target of 90%.

## Telephone Calls Answered on Time

In 2019, Orillia Power customer service representatives (CSRs) received 13,359 calls from our customers. CSRs answered calls in 30 seconds or less, 98.83% of the time, significantly exceeding the OEB-mandated 65% target. Customers regularly indicate to company staff that they value the ability to 'talk to a person' when they have a question or issue. Customer service staff take pride in exceeding the target for this metric.

## Customer Satisfaction

### First Contact Resolution

Orillia Power seeks to resolve all issues and answer questions received from our customers by way of telephone calls, walk-ins, letters and email and was successful in 2019 in achieving this on first contact with our customers 99.89% of the time. The measure represents the total number of enquiries successfully answered at the first point of contact with our customer service staff divided by the total number of enquiries in the period.

### Billing Accuracy

In 2019, Orillia Power issued approximately 172,500 bills, achieving a billing accuracy of 99.99%, consistent with previous years. Billing accuracy is defined as the number of accurate bills issued expressed as a percentage of total bills issued. This compares favorably to the prescribed OEB target of 98%. Orillia Power will continue to monitor its billing accuracy results and processes and believes this success rate will be maintained in 2020. In addition to ensuring a high level of billing accuracy, Orillia Power works with customers to help them better understand their bills and manage their electricity costs. With our customer friendly web portal, customers can download a copy of their bill and monitor their consumption patterns and other useful information that may assist them in shifting consumption to low demand periods, potentially finding savings through lower bills.

### Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

In the fall of 2019, Orillia Power engaged an independent third party to conduct a customer satisfaction survey on our behalf, with the objective to provide information that supports discussion surrounding improving customer service at all levels and departments within Orillia Power. The telephone survey asked customers questions on a wide range of topics, including overall satisfaction with Orillia Power, reliability, customer service, outages, billing, and corporate image. Results of the survey inform Orillia Power's planning process and form the basis of plans to improve customer satisfaction as well as meeting customer expectations and needs.

Orillia Power's customers gave the company an 'A' overall for consistently providing reliable energy, handling outages and restoring power, accurate billing, quickly dealing with issues that affect customers, providing excellent quality services and making electricity safety a top priority. The independent, highly reputable firm engaged to conduct our survey has provided this service since 1999 for many Ontario utilities. Their report provided a comparison of our company to both National and Ontario survey results, with Orillia Power scoring above average among all Ontario utilities, as well as nationally, for customer care, company image, and management operations.

## Safety

### Public Awareness of Electrical Safety

In 2019, Orillia Power conducted its third Public Awareness Electrical Safety survey. Orillia Power's public safety awareness index score is 84%, consistent with previous years. Results are based on a telephone survey among the public, 18 years of age or older, residing within Orillia Power's geographic service territory. The most recent data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures (2016) for age, gender, and region. Survey results demonstrate that the public have good knowledge or have received some information pertaining to electrical safety. Orillia Power continues to educate the public promote safety awareness through various means.

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) developed standardized questions for the survey to be conducted every two years. The ESA is monitoring the effectiveness of the surveys and will update survey questions, if required.

### Compliance with Ontario Regulation 22/04

In 2019, Orillia Power was fully compliant with Ontario Regulation 22/04 (Audit, Declaration of Compliance, Due Diligence Inspections, Public Safety Concerns and Compliance Investigations), having met and exceeded ESA expectations with respect to Ontario Regulation 22/04. Orillia Power believes it will continue this record in 2020. All the elements are evaluated as a whole and determine the status of compliance (Non-Compliant, Needs Improvement, or Compliant) in regard to the Public Safety Metric for the Public Safety Scorecard.

### Serious Electrical Incident Index

Orillia Power is proud of our record of zero serious electrical incidents each year reported in the Scorecard. The index is defined by Ontario Regulation 22/04, involving all members of the public. The company is committed to continuing to educate the public on the dangers of contact with electricity through various forums as part of its ongoing customer outreach programs (e.g. Children's Safety Village, community events, contractor sessions).

The metric measures the number of and rate of "serious electrical incidents" occurring on a distributor's assets and is normalized per 10, 100 or 1,000 km of line. A "serious electrical incident" will appear as part of this component if it was determined that a member of the public was involved in the incident (i.e. caused a death, critical injury or had the potential to cause death or critical injury).

## System Reliability

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

In 2019, an Orillia Power customer's electricity was interrupted for 0.82 hours on average not counting events of loss of supply to Orillia Power's service area outside of our control. The average number of hours that power to a customer is interrupted (i.e. duration) is a measure of system reliability or the ability of a system to perform its required function. Orillia Power met its target of 1.00 shown on the Scorecard which is based on our performance over the 5-year period 2010 to 2014.

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

In 2019, an Orillia Power customer's electricity was interrupted 0.54 times on average not counting events of loss of supply to Orillia Power's service area outside of our control. The average number of times that power to a customer is interrupted (i.e. frequency) is an additional measure of system reliability. Orillia Power met its target of our target of 1.26 shown on the Scorecard which is based on our performance over the 5-year period 2010 to 2014.

System reliability is a high priority for Orillia Power and our customers. This includes regularly monitoring our system for signs of reliability degradation and reinvesting as required to restore systems. Orillia Power's System Control Centre tracks and reviews reliability performance and this data is utilized in our asset management processes to target system maintenance and plan for upgrades and improvements in the most appropriate areas. Orillia Power continually strives to improve our performance with respect to the duration and frequency of interruptions that our customers may experience. As Orillia Power continues to upgrade our aging distribution system, our customers can expect to see improvements in system reliability in the future.

## Asset Management

### Distribution System Plan Implementation Progress

On April 30, 2020, the OEB approved the purchase all issued and outstanding shares of Orillia Power to Hydro One Networks Inc. Hydro One intends to file a distribution system plan for the current Orillia Power Distribution Corporation service area within 18 months of the integration of Orillia Power's assets.

## Cost Control

Cost control metrics are evaluated on behalf of the OEB by an independent party, the Pacific Economics Group LLC (PEG). The PEG study segments electrical distributors into five groups based on actual costs vs. the prediction of costs from PEG's econometric model. Group 1 distributors are considered most efficient, with actual costs 25% or more below predicted costs. Group 5 distributors are considered least efficient, according to the PEG methodology, with actual costs 25% or more above predicted costs.

### Efficiency Assessment

Orillia Power is ranked in Group 3 with actual costs within +/- 10% of predicted costs, consistent with previous years. Orillia Power's costs are within the average cost range for distributors in Ontario. Orillia Power has shown consistent improvements in this measure annually and believes the company will continue to find efficiencies in our operations.

### Total Cost per Customer

Total cost per customer each year is calculated as the sum of capital and operating costs for Orillia Power's infrastructure within its service area divided by the total number of customers that Orillia Power serves. In 2019, total cost per customer was \$676 which represents an increase in total cost per customer of 1.5% over the prior year. In the normal course of business, Orillia Power seeks to replace distribution assets proactively along a carefully managed timeframe in a manner that balances system risks and customer rate impacts.

## **Total Cost per Km of Line**

This measure uses the same total cost that is used in total cost per customer. Total cost is divided by the kilometers (Km) of line that Orillia Power owns and operates to serve our customers. In 2019, Orillia Power's total cost per Km of line was \$39,810 which represents an increase in total cost per Km of line of 3.0% over the prior year based on km of line that has remained relatively unchanged. Orillia Power's ability to fund capital renewal through an expanded customer base is limited by a historically low annual customer growth rate. Orillia Power continues to seek innovative solutions to help ensure costs remain competitive and within acceptable limits to our customers.

Orillia Power remains focused on implementing productivity and improvement initiatives to help smooth, and offset where possible, the costs associated with future system improvement and enhancements.

## **Conservation & Demand Management**

### **Net Cumulative Energy Savings**

Orillia Power achieved estimated savings representing 73% of Orillia Power's 2015-2020 Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) target of 16.58 GWh, part of the provincial CDM target of 7,000 GWh. Targets were assigned by way of a directive from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (the Ministry) to the Ontario Energy Board on March 26, 2014 to promote CDM activities in Ontario. As decided by the Ministry, 2019 was the final year for CDM under the Conservation First Framework (CFF). The Ministry issued a directive in March 2019 that cancelled the CFF and moved the administration of some programs to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through an Interim Framework. Customers with approved projects already underway continue to be supported by Orillia Power for the remainder of CFF. Orillia Power will continue to assist its customers with their conservation efforts through the IESO centrally delivered programs and local programs wherever possible.

## **Connection of Renewable Generation**

### **Renewable Generation Connection Impact Assessments Completed on Time**

Connection Impact Assessments (CIAs) for renewable generation are to be completed within a prescribed time limit, within 60 days of receipt of a customer's complete application where no distribution system reinforcement or expansion is required. Orillia Power has processes in place that ensure that CIAs are done within prescribed timelines and continually reviews our processes to identify areas of improvement.

Orillia Power did not receive any applications for renewable generation in 2019. Connection Impact Assessments for generation applications received in the year for non-renewable generation projects (e.g. Natural Gas Combined Heat & Power) are not included in this metric.

### **New Micro-Embedded Generation Facilities Connected on Time**

In 2019, Orillia Power did not connect any micro-embedded generation facilities, projects of less than 10 kW. Our workflow to connect these projects within the prescribed time frame of 5 business days is very streamlined and transparent with our customers. Orillia Power works closely with our customers and their contractors to identify and resolve any connection issues to ensure that projects are connected in a timely manner.

## Financial Ratios

### **Liquidity: Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)**

As an indicator of financial health, a current ratio that is greater than 1.0 is generally considered good as it indicates that the company can pay its short-term debts and financial obligations. Companies with a ratio of greater than 1.0 are often referred to as being “liquid”. The higher the number, the more “liquid” and the larger the margin of safety to cover the company’s short-term debts and financial obligations.

In 2019, Orillia Power’s current ratio was 0.61. While the ratio is below 1.0, this is consistent with the past 3 years. Orillia Power was subject to a share purchase agreement in effect from August 15, 2016 that restricted locking in long term debt needed to finance long term capital expenditures. As a result, our current liabilities were higher than they would have been in normal circumstances. This had a significant impact on lowering the current ratio. In addition, Orillia Power employed a cash management strategy that attempts to minimize cash on hand through the utilization of working capital credit facilities (i.e. overdraft protection). This strategy will result in lower liquidity ratios than would otherwise be anticipated while still ensuring the company can meet all financial obligations as they are due.

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

Orillia Power’s debt to equity ratio was 1.14 in 2019. The OEB uses a deemed capital structure of 60% debt, 40% equity for electricity distributors when establishing rates. This deemed capital mix is equal to a debt to equity ratio of 1.5 (60/40). Orillia Power’s current debt to equity ratio indicates that the company still has unleveraged capacity which can be used to borrow funds if required for future growth / expansion.

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

Orillia Power’s distribution rates are approved by the OEB and include a deemed regulatory return on equity (ROE) of 9.85%. The OEB may initiate a review of our rates if our achieved rate of return on equity is +/- 3% of our deemed 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.

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

Orillia Power’s regulated return on equity was 6.02% in 2019 outside the +/- 3% deadband of our deemed return on equity of 9.85%. Regulated return on equity is calculated by dividing adjusted regulated income by regulated deemed equity. Our last rate rebasing was May 1, 2010. Since then our regulated deemed equity is estimated to have increased by 64%. We believe this is a significant factor in the lower rate of return achieved this year. Instead of paying more in dividends to the shareholder, earnings were reinvested in the utility to fund the increases in operation costs, increases in the cost of electricity, and the significant increase in capital expenditures over the 10 years since the last rate rebasing. The sale of Orillia Power to Hydro One closed on September 1, 2020. Had this not occurred, Orillia Power intended to commence planning to file an application to seek rate rebasing in 2021.

## Note to Readers of the 2019 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.

Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “attempt,” “may,” “plan,” “will,” “can”, “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements and information. Such statements include, but are not limited to, references to ongoing optimization of business processes, ongoing grid modernization, system renewals, continuous improvement relating to outages and response restoration times, the reduction of energy costs, and industry and internal targets. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve assumptions and risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Some of the factors that could cause such differences include legislative or regulatory developments, government policy and program developments, an unexpected increase in call centre volumes, 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. We do not intend, and we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.