

Consolidated Financial Statements of

**GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. /  
SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND  
SUDBURY INC.**

And Auditors' Independent Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2021



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. / Services Publics du Grand Sudbury Inc.

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. / Services Publics du Grand Sudbury Inc. (the "Corporation"), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021
- the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2021, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***" section of our auditors' report.

We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



### ***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities with the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for the audit opinion.

*KPMG LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sudbury, Canada

April 25, 2022

# GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. / SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND SUDBURY INC.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 636,583	\$ -
Accounts receivable (note 3)	13,569,167	13,097,638
Unbilled revenue:		
Distribution	2,172,911	1,764,342
Energy sales	8,795,930	9,422,475
Payments in lieu of taxes recoverable (note 6)	912,449	-
Inventory	340,262	262,517
Restricted cash	990,857	1,478,112
Prepaid expenses	898,589	738,257
	<u>28,316,748</u>	<u>26,763,341</u>
Property, plant and equipment (note 4)	134,423,741	126,412,294
Intangible assets (note 5)	1,948,835	2,093,049
Right-of-use assets (note 18)	2,193,732	2,440,715
Investment in associates (note 19)	1,289,036	1,454,203
Total assets	<u>168,172,092</u>	<u>159,163,602</u>
Regulatory deferral account debit balances (note 7)	30,491,541	33,434,013
Total assets and regulatory balances	<u>\$ 198,663,633</u>	<u>\$ 192,597,615</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. / SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND SUDBURY INC.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (continued)

December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
<b>Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ -	\$ 1,690,583
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,289,784	7,961,740
Payment in lieu of taxes (note 6)	-	15,400
Payable for energy purchases	8,576,941	8,432,405
Current portion of deferred revenue (note 17)	466,177	424,231
Current portion of finance lease obligations (note 18)	44,544	43,673
Current portion of long-term obligations (note 8)	1,471,892	1,449,818
	<u>18,849,338</u>	<u>20,017,850</u>
Deferred revenue (note 17)	9,581,786	8,340,140
Promissory note payable (note 16)	52,340,819	52,340,819
Deferred payment in lieu of taxes (note 6)	2,608,068	2,862,216
Finance lease obligations (note 18)	375,357	419,901
Long-term obligations (note 8)	34,809,740	32,355,409
Total liabilities	<u>118,565,108</u>	<u>116,336,335</u>
Shareholder's equity:		
Share capital (note 10)	22,431,779	22,431,779
Retained earnings	52,150,739	48,071,273
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,633)	(132,761)
	<u>74,572,885</u>	<u>70,370,291</u>
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	<u>193,137,993</u>	<u>186,706,626</u>
Regulatory deferral account credit balances (note 7)	5,525,640	5,890,989
Commitments and contingencies (note 12)		
Guarantees (note 13)		
	<u>\$ 198,663,633</u>	<u>\$ 192,597,615</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Director

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# GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. / SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND SUDBURY INC.

Consolidated Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Revenue (note 11):		
Energy sales	\$ 101,459,196	\$ 117,290,563
Distribution	26,858,067	23,514,169
	<u>128,317,263</u>	<u>140,804,732</u>
Other	16,754,749	17,415,818
	<u>145,072,012</u>	<u>158,220,550</u>
Expenses:		
Cost of energy	101,947,114	120,735,869
Operating and administration	26,004,985	26,926,670
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	6,878,565	6,568,403
Depreciation of intangible assets	147,723	160,449
Interest on promissory note payable (note 16)	3,794,709	3,794,709
Interest on long-term obligations	615,641	581,461
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	439,274	610,174
	<u>139,828,011</u>	<u>159,377,735</u>
Other income:		
Share of comprehensive income of associates (note 19)	161,111	355,794
Income (loss) before payment in lieu of taxes and regulatory items	5,405,112	(801,391)
Payment (recovery) in lieu of taxes (note 6)	(27,931)	8,098,388
Net income (loss)	5,433,043	(8,899,779)
Net movement on regulatory balances, net of tax (note 7)	(1,353,577)	32,315,201
Income for the year after net movements in regulatory balances - net of tax	4,079,466	23,415,422
Other comprehensive income - item that will not be reclassified to income or loss - remeasurement of employee future benefit obligation, net of tax (note 9 (a))	123,128	(151,083)
Total comprehensive income	<u>\$ 4,202,594</u>	<u>\$ 23,264,339</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. / SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND SUDBURY INC.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 22,431,779	24,655,851	1,565,480	\$ 48,653,110
Income for the year	-	23,415,422	-	23,415,422
Remeasurement of employee future benefit obligation	-	-	(151,083)	(151,083)
Reclassification of actuarial losses (note 9)	-	-	(1,547,158)	(1,547,158)
Balance, December 31, 2020	22,431,779	48,071,273	(132,761)	70,370,291
Income for the year	-	4,079,466	-	4,079,466
Remeasurement of employee future benefit obligation	-	-	123,128	123,128
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 22,431,779	52,150,739	(9,633)	\$ 74,572,885

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.



# GREATER SUDBURY UTILITIES INC. / SERVICES PUBLICS DU GRAND SUDBURY INC.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2021, with comparative information for 2020

	2021	2020
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Comprehensive income	\$ 4,202,594	\$ 23,264,339
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,425,841	7,066,351
Depreciation of intangible assets	147,723	160,449
Payment in lieu of taxes	(27,931)	8,098,388
Non-cash employee future benefit obligation expense	(545,003)	1,005,168
Loss (gain) on swap contract (note 8)	(127,698)	34,583
Equity income of associate	(161,111)	(355,794)
Employee future benefit obligation transitional balance (note 7 (f))	-	(26,089,910)
Amortization of right-of-use assets and non-cash reduction of lease obligation	203,310	139,873
Amortization on deferred revenue	(306,164)	(249,317)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	96,380
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	439,274	610,174
	11,250,835	13,780,684
<u>Change in non-cash operating working capital (note 20)</u>	2,601,721	(8,790,780)
	13,852,556	4,989,904
Payment in lieu of taxes paid	(1,154,065)	(159,105)
Employee future benefits paid	(551,702)	(550,597)
	12,146,789	4,280,202
Investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(15,986,640)	(14,409,802)
Purchase of intangibles	(3,509)	(128,527)
Contributions in aid of construction	1,392,969	1,308,367
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	110,078	31,742
Dividend from associates	326,278	326,277
	(14,160,824)	(12,871,943)
Financing activities:		
Increase in long-term debt	4,500,000	5,500,000
Repayment of long-term obligations	(703,669)	(526,456)
Developer contributions received	57,615	168,008
Finance lease repayments	-	(2,121,579)
	3,853,946	3,019,973
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	1,839,911	(5,571,768)
Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness), beginning of year	(212,471)	5,359,297
<u>Cash and cash equivalents (bank indebtedness), end of year</u>	\$ 1,627,440	\$ (212,471)
Made up of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 636,583	\$ -
Restricted cash	990,857	1,478,112
Bank indebtedness	-	(1,690,583)
	\$ 1,627,440	\$ (212,471)

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Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. / Services Publics du Grand Sudbury Inc. (the Corporation) was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) on October 1, 2000. The incorporation was required in accordance with the Electricity Act, 1998 Ontario (the EA). The Corporation is located in the City of Greater Sudbury. The address of the Corporation's registered office is 500 Regent Street, P.O Box 250/500 rue Regent; CP 250, Sudbury ON P3E 3Y2.

The Corporation is an investment holding company with its wholly owned subsidiaries involved in the distribution of electricity, provision of broadband telecommunications services, competitive rental and customer support services.

The consolidated financial statements comprise the Corporation and its subsidiaries as at and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

## 1. Basis of presentation:

### (a) Statement of compliance:

The Corporation's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on April 25, 2022.

### (b) Basis of accounting:

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, unless otherwise stated.

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Corporation's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### (c) Use of estimates and judgments:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in these consolidated financial statements is included in the following notes:

- Note 4 – Property, plant and equipment
- Note 7 – Regulatory balances
- Note 9 – Employee future benefits
- Note 12 – Commitments and contingencies

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## 1. Basis of presentation (continued):

### (d) Rate regulation:

The Corporation has adopted IFRS 14 as an interim standard giving entities conducting rate-regulated activities the option of continuing to recognize regulatory balances according to their previous GAAP. Regulatory balances provide useful information about the Corporation's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. IFRS 14 will remain in force until either repealed or replaced by permanent guidance on rate-regulated accounting from the IASB.

The Corporation is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), under the authority granted by the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998. Among other things, the OEB has the power and responsibility to approve or set rates for the transmission and distribution of electricity, providing continued rate protection for electricity consumers in Ontario, and ensuring that transmission and distribution companies fulfill obligations to connect and service customers. The OEB may also prescribe license requirements and conditions of service to local distribution companies (LDCs), such as the Corporation, which may include, record keeping, regulatory accounting principles, separation of accounts for distinct businesses, and filing and process requirements for rate setting purposes.

### (e) Rate setting:

#### i) COVID-19 pandemic considerations:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak was a global pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and as at the date of the consolidated financial statements continues to have, a significant impact on the Corporation.

On April 21, 2021, the OEB extended the existing ban on disconnecting residential customers until May 19, 2021, which was further extended on May 14, 2021 until June 2, 2021, in light of the stay-at-home order issued by the Ontario Government under its State of Emergency declaration. The restriction also applied to the issuance of any post-dated disconnection notices during that period.

On November 15, 2021, the OEB's standard winter disconnection ban commenced and will remain in effect until May 1, 2022.

On January 7, 2022, the Ontario Government announced further targeted relief measures setting both the TOU rates for on-peak, mid-peak, and off-peak and tiered rates at the TOU off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kWh, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, effective January 18, 2022 until February 7, 2022.

There was no impact to the net income to the Corporation as a result of these changes.

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## 1. Basis of presentation (continued):

### (e) Rate setting (continued):

#### ii) Distribution revenue:

For the distribution revenue included in electricity sales, the Corporation typically files a Cost of Service (COS) rate application with the OEB every five years where rates are determined through a review of the forecasted annual amount of operating and capital expenses, debt and shareholder's equity required to support the Corporation's business. The Corporation estimates electricity usage and the costs to service each customer class to determine the appropriate rates to be charged to each customer class. The COS application is reviewed by the OEB and intervenors and rates are approved based upon this review, including any revisions resulting from that review.

In the intervening years an Incentive Rate Mechanism application (IRM) is filed. An IRM application results in a formulaic adjustment to distribution rates that were set under the last COS application. The previous year's rates are adjusted for the annual change in the Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Inflation for Final Domestic Demand (GDP IPI-FDD) net of a productivity factor and a "stretch factor" determined by the relative efficiency of an electricity distributor.

As a licensed distributor, the Corporation is responsible for billing customers for electricity generated by third parties and the related costs of providing electricity service, such as transmission services and other services provided by third parties. The Corporation is required, pursuant to regulation, to remit such amounts to these third parties, irrespective of whether the Corporation ultimately collects these amounts from customers.

On October 13, 2020, the Corporation filed an IRM requesting a 1.90% inflationary increase to distribution rates for the period of May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. The IRM was approved on March 25, 2021.

On November 2, 2021, the Corporation filed an IRM requesting a 3.00% inflationary increase to distribution rates for the period of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. The IRM was approved on March 24, 2022.

#### iii) Electricity rates:

The OEB sets electricity prices for low-volume consumers twice each year based on an estimate of how much it will cost to supply the province with electricity for the next year. All remaining consumers pay the market price for electricity. The Corporation is billed for the cost of the electricity that its customers use and passes this cost on to the customer at cost without a mark-up.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently in all years presented in these consolidated financial statements.

(a) Regulation:

The following regulatory treatments have resulted in accounting treatments which differ from those prescribed by IFRS for enterprises operating in an unregulated environment and regulated entities that did not adopt IFRS 14, Regulatory Accounts (IFRS 14).

(b) Regulatory balances:

The Corporation has adopted IFRS 14 as an interim standard giving entities conducting rate-regulated activities the option of continuing to recognize regulatory balances according to their previous GAAP. Regulatory balances provide useful information about the Corporation's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. IFRS 14 will remain in force until either repealed or replaced by permanent guidance on rate-regulated accounting from the IASB.

The Corporation has determined that certain asset and liability balances arising from rate-regulated activities qualify for the application of regulatory accounting treatment in accordance with IFRS 14 and the accounting principles prescribed by the OEB in the Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors. Under rate-regulated accounting, the timing and recognition of certain expenses and revenues may differ from those otherwise expected under other IFRS in order to appropriately reflect the economic impact of regulatory decisions regarding the Corporation's regulated revenues and expenditures. These amounts arising from timing differences are recorded as regulatory asset and liability balances on the Corporation's balance sheet, and represent existing rights and obligations regarding cash flows expected to be recovered from or refunded to customers, based on decisions and approvals by the OEB.

Regulatory deferral account asset balances represent costs incurred in excess of amounts billed to the customer at OEB approved rates. These amounts have been accumulated and deferred in anticipation of their future recovery in electricity distribution rates. Regulatory deferral account liability balances represent amounts billed to the customer at OEB approved rates in excess of costs incurred by the Corporation.

Regulatory deferral account asset balances are recognized if it is probable that future billings in an amount at least equal to the capitalized cost will result from inclusion of that cost in allowable costs for rate-making purposes. The offsetting amount is recognized in profit and loss. The asset balance is reduced by the amount of customer billings as electricity is delivered to the customer and the customer is billed at rates approved by the OEB for the recovery of the capitalized costs.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (b) Regulatory balances (continued):

Regulatory deferral account liability balances are recognized if it is probable that future billings in an amount at least equal to the liability balance will be reduced as a result of rate-making activities. The offsetting amount is recognized in profit and loss. The liability balance is reduced by the amounts returned to customers as electricity is delivered to the customer at rates approved by the OEB for the return of the regulatory account liability balance.

The probability of recovery or repayment of the regulatory account balances is assessed annually based upon the likelihood that the OEB will approve the change in rates to recover or repay the balance. Any resulting impairment loss is recognized in profit and loss in the year incurred.

Regulatory deferral accounts attract interest at OEB prescribed rates. In 2021, the interest rate was 0.57% for the period. Regulatory balances can be recognized for rate-setting and financial reporting purposes only if the OEB directs the relevant regulatory treatment or if future OEB direction is determined by management to be probable. In the event that the disposition of these balances is assessed to no longer be probable based on management's judgment, the balances are recorded in the Corporation's statement of income and comprehensive income in the period when the assessment is made. Regulatory balances that do not meet the definition of an asset or liability under any other IFRS are segregated on the statement of financial position as regulatory deferral account debit/credit balances and on the statement of income and comprehensive income as net movements in regulatory balances, net of tax. The netting of regulatory debit and credit balances is not permitted.

The measurement of regulatory balances is subject to certain estimates and assumptions, including assumptions made in the interpretation of the OEB's regulations and decisions.

### (c) Basis of consolidation:

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the following Corporations:

- Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc./Hydro du Grand Sudbury Inc.;
- Greater Sudbury Hydro Plus Inc./Hydro Plus du Grand Sudbury Inc.;
- Greater Sudbury Telecommunications Inc./Telecommunications du Grand Sudbury Inc.;
- 1627596 Ontario Inc.; and
- ConvergGen Inc.

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Corporation. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are included in these consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (d) Financial instruments:

All financial assets and all financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less any impairment for the financial assets as described in note 2(j).

Hedge accounting has not been used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements.

### (e) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash consist of cash on hand and in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased. Restricted cash represents the balance of cash set aside to satisfy the restricted uses imposed on the Corporation for certain conservation and demand management activities.

### (f) Revenue recognition:

#### i) Energy sales:

Energy sales are recognized as the electricity is delivered to customers and include the amounts billed to customers for electricity, including the cost of electricity supplied, distribution, and any other regulatory charges. Energy revenue is recorded on the basis of regular meter readings and estimated customer usage since the last meter reading date to the end of the year. The related cost of energy is recorded on the basis of power used.

For customer billings related to electricity generated by third parties and the related costs of providing electricity service, such as transmission services and other services provided by third parties, the Corporation has determined that it is acting as a principal for these electricity charges and, therefore, has presented electricity revenue on a gross basis.

#### ii) Capital contributions:

Developers are required to contribute towards the capital cost of construction of distribution assets in order to provide ongoing service. The developer is not a customer and therefore the contributions are not accounted for under IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Cash contributions received from developers are recorded as deferred revenue. When an asset other than cash is received as a capital contribution, the asset is initially recognized at its fair value, with a corresponding amount recognized as deferred revenue. The deferred revenue, which represents the Corporation's obligation to continue to provide the customers access to the supply of electricity, is amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related asset.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (f) Revenue recognition (continued):

#### ii) Capital contributions (continued):

Certain customers are also required to contribute towards the capital cost of construction of distribution assets in order to provide ongoing service. These contributions fall within the scope of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The contributions are received to obtain a connection to the distribution system in order to receive ongoing access to electricity. The Corporation has concluded that the performance obligation is the supply of electricity over the life of the relationship with the customer which is satisfied over time as the customer receives and consumes the electricity. Revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related asset.

#### iii) Other revenue:

Other revenue includes revenue from services ancillary to the electricity distribution, delivery of street light design services, and other regulatory service charges. Other revenue includes electricity generation, other charges, and service contracts and rentals. Revenue earned from electricity generation, rentals and other charges is recognized as the service is rendered, when it is measurable and collection of the receivable is probable. Revenues earned from service contracts fall within the scope of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and revenue is recognized over the period that services are provided. Commission expenses are considered to be incremental costs in obtaining service contracts and are recorded as a contract asset and recognized as an expense over the contract period as the services are provided.

#### iv) Conservation programs:

Incentive payments to which the Corporation is entitled from the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) are recognized as revenue in the period when they are determined as earned by the IESO and the amount is communicated to the Corporation.

### (g) Inventory:

Inventory, comprising of material and supplies, the majority of which is consumed by the Corporation in the provision of its services, is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with cost being determined on an average cost basis, and includes expenditures incurred in acquiring the material and supplies and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition.

Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated selling expenses.



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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (h) Property, plant and equipment:

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials, direct labour, and any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment ("PP&E") have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of PP&E.

Gains and losses on the disposal of an item of PP&E are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal, if any, with the carrying amount of the item of PP&E and are recognized as a gain or loss on disposition of PP&E within other income in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

Major spare parts and standby equipment are recognized as items of PP&E.

The cost of replacing a part of an item of PP&E is recognized in the net book value of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Corporation and its cost can be measured reliably. In this event, the replaced part of PP&E is written off, and the related gain or loss is included in profit or loss. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of PP&E are recognized in income as incurred.

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount and is recognized in income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of each part or component of an item of PP&E. The depreciable amount is cost. Land is not depreciated. Construction-in-progress assets are not amortized until the project is complete and in service.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

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Buildings	15 - 50 years
Distribution equipment	20 – 50 years
Automotive	8 – 12 years
Office and other equipment	5 – 10 years
System supervisory equipment	20 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Fibre optics	25 years
Water heaters	10 – 15 years
Wireless towers	20 years
Generation equipment	20 years

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Depreciation methods, useful lives, and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(i) Intangible assets:

i) Computer software:

Computer software that is acquired or developed by the Corporation, including software that is not integral to the functionality of equipment purchased which has finite useful lives, is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

ii) Land rights:

Payments to obtain rights to assess land (land rights) are classified as intangible assets. These include payments made for easements, right of access and right of use over land for which the Corporation does not hold title.

iii) Goodwill:

Goodwill that arises upon the acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

iv) Depreciation:

Depreciation is recognized within profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, other than land rights and goodwill, from the date that they are available for use. The estimated useful lives are:

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Computer software	5 years
Land rights	Not amortized
Goodwill	Not amortized

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Depreciation methods and useful lives of all intangible assets are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

(j) Impairment:

i) Financial assets measured at amortized cost:

A loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets measured at amortized cost is recognized at the reporting date. The loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses for that asset.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (j) Impairment (continued):

#### ii) Non-financial assets:

The carrying amounts of the Corporation's non-financial assets, other than capital inventories and deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the cash-generating unit). The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

The goodwill acquired in a business combination, for the purpose of impairment testing, is allocated to cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in income or loss.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. For assets other than goodwill, impairment recognized in prior periods is assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

### (k) Provisions:

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Corporation has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (l) Employee future benefits:

#### i) Pension plan:

The Corporation provides a pension plan for all its full-time employees through the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS). OMERS is a multi-employer pension plan which operates as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (the Fund), and provides pensions for employees of Ontario municipalities, local boards and public utilities. The Fund is a contributory defined benefit pension plan, which is financed by equal contributions from participating employers and employees, and by the investment earnings of the Fund. To the extent that the Fund finds itself in an under-funded position, additional contribution rates may be assessed to participating employers and members.

OMERS is a defined benefit plan. However, as OMERS does not segregate its pension asset and liability information by individual employers, there is insufficient information available to enable the Corporation to directly account for the plan. Consequently, the plan has been accounted for as a defined contribution plan. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognized as an employee benefit expense in net income when they are due.

#### ii) Post-employment benefits, other than pension:

The Corporation provides some of its retired employees with life insurance and medical benefits beyond those provided by government sponsored plans.

The cost of these benefits is expensed as earned by employees through employment service. The accrued benefit obligations and the current service costs are actuarially determined by applying the projected unit credit method and reflect management's best estimate of certain underlying assumptions. Actuarial gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans are recognized immediately in other comprehensive income and reported in accumulated other comprehensive income. As part of the settlement proposal for its 2020 Cost of Service application, the Corporation was approved for the recovery of the actuarial gains and losses. Additional information with respect to this regulatory balance is presented in note 7 (e).

### (m) Deferred revenue and assets transferred from customers:

Certain customers and developers are required to contribute towards the capital cost of construction in order to provide ongoing service. When an asset is received as a capital contribution, the asset is initially recognized at its fair value, with the corresponding amount recognized as a developer contribution within long-term obligations. When the capital project is completed, the amount is transferred to deferred revenue. Deferred revenue represents the Corporation's obligation to continue to provide customers access to the supply of electricity, and is amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the economic useful life of the acquired or contributed asset, which represents the period of ongoing service to the customer.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (n) Leased assets:

At inception of a contract, the Corporation will assess whether the contract is or contains a lease. A contract is determined to contain a lease if it provides the Corporation with the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Contracts determined to contain a lease are accounted for as leases. For leases and contracts that contain a lease, the Corporation recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. Subsequent to initial recognition, the right-of-use asset is recognized at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses, adjusted for certain remeasurements of the corresponding lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments plus the present value of lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, or if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Corporation's incremental borrowing rate.

The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Corporation's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the Corporation changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Corporation has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less or for leases of low value assets. The Corporation recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### (o) Finance income and finance costs:

Finance income comprises interest earned on cash and cash equivalents and on regulatory assets.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowing and regulatory liabilities. Finance costs are recognized as an expense.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (p) Payment in lieu of taxes:

The income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognized in income or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income, in which case, the tax is also recognized directly in other comprehensive income, respectively.

The Corporation is currently exempt from taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the Ontario Corporations Tax Act (collectively the Tax Acts). Under the Electricity Act, 1998, the Corporation makes payments in lieu of corporate taxes to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC). These payments are calculated in accordance with the rules for computing taxable income and taxable capital and other relevant amounts contained in the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the Corporations Tax Act (Ontario) as modified by the Electricity Act, 1998, and related regulation. Prior to October 1, 2001, the Corporation was not subject to income or capital taxes. Payments in lieu of taxes are referred to as income taxes.

Current tax is the tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognized using the balance sheet method. Under this method, deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for accounting purposes as well as for tax losses available to be carried forward to future years that are likely to be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted or substantively enacted tax rates, at the reporting date, expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the year that includes the date of enactment or substantive enactment.

### (q) Investment in associates:

Associates are those entities in which the Corporation has significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating policies. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Corporation holds between 20 and 50 percent of the voting power of another entity.

Associates are accounted for using the equity method and are recognized initially at cost. The financial statements include the Corporation's share of the income and expenses and equity movements of the associate, after adjustments to align the accounting policies with those of the Corporation and other adjustments arising from the elimination of intercompany transactions, from the date that significant influence commences until the date that significant influence ceases. When the Corporation's share of losses exceeds its interest in an associate, the carrying amount of that interest (including any long-term investments) is reduced to nil and the recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Corporation has an obligation or has made payments on behalf of the investee.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

### (r) Standards issued but not yet adopted:

The Corporation is evaluating the adoption of the following new and revised standards along with any subsequent amendments.

#### *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS-1)*

On January 23, 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, to clarify the classification of liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Early adoption is permitted.

#### *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS-1) (continued):*

For the purposes of non-current classification, the amendments removed the requirement for a right to defer settlement or roll over of a liability for at least twelve months to unconditional. Instead, such a right must have substance and exist at the end of the reporting period. The amendments also clarify how a company classifies a liability that includes a counterparty conversion option. The amendments state that a settlement of a liability includes transferring a company's own equity instruments to the counterparty, and when classifying liabilities as current or non-current a company can ignore only those conversion options that are recognized as equity. This is expected to have no significant impact for the Corporation's financial statements.

#### *Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)*

On May 14, 2020, the IASB issued Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16). The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Early adoption is permitted.

The amendments provide guidance on the accounting for sale proceeds and the related production costs for items a company produces and sells in the process of making an item of property, plant and equipment available for its intended use. Specifically, proceeds from selling items before the related item of property, plant and equipment is available for use should be recognized in profit or loss, together with the costs of producing those items. This is expected to have no significant impact to the Corporation's financial statements.

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## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(r) Standards issued but not yet adopted (continued):

### *Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020*

On May 14, 2020, the IASB issued Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments relate to the following:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Clarifies which fees are included for the purpose of performing the '10 percent test' for derecognition of financial liabilities.
- IFRS 16 Leases: Remove the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements in the illustrative Example 13.

The Corporation intends to adopt these standards in its financial statements for the annual period beginning January 1, 2022. The Corporation does not expect these standards to have a material impact on the financial statements.

## 3. Accounts receivable:

	2021	2020
Electricity	\$ 10,177,583	\$ 9,435,257
Other	4,464,455	4,869,929
	14,642,038	14,305,186
Allowance for doubtful accounts:		
Balance, beginning of year	(1,207,548)	(1,124,476)
Decrease (increase) in provision	11,779	(342,493)
Accounts receivable write-offs	122,898	259,421
Balance, end of year	(1,072,871)	(1,207,548)
	\$ 13,569,167	\$ 13,097,638



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## 4. Property, plant and equipment:

Cost or deemed cost:

	Land and Buildings	Distribution Equipment	Other Fixed Assets	Construction in Progress	Total
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 13,831,921	95,591,340	34,776,104	2,588,845	\$ 146,788,210
Additions	665,371	10,435,883	2,787,412	521,136	14,409,802
Impairment	-	(110,130)	-	-	(110,130)
Disposals/retirements	(47,473)	(1,723,589)	(540,473)	-	(2,311,535)
Balance, December 31, 2020	14,449,819	104,193,504	37,023,043	3,109,981	158,776,347
Additions	308,337	11,371,775	3,883,676	422,852	15,986,640
Disposals/retirements	-	(2,368,903)	(93,003)	-	(2,461,906)
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 14,758,156	113,196,376	40,813,716	3,532,833	\$ 172,301,081

Accumulated depreciation:

	Land and Buildings	Distribution Equipment	Other Fixed Assets	Construction in Progress	Total
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 2,432,909	7,544,078	17,004,084	-	\$ 26,981,071
Depreciation charges	469,323	3,738,862	2,858,166	-	7,066,351
Impairment	-	(13,750)	-	-	(13,750)
Disposals	(47,473)	(1,226,659)	(395,487)	-	(1,669,619)
Balance, December 31, 2020	2,854,759	10,042,531	19,466,763	-	32,364,053
Depreciation charges	490,684	4,036,689	2,898,468	-	7,425,841
Disposals	-	(1,819,551)	(93,003)	-	(1,912,554)
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 3,345,443	12,259,669	22,272,228	-	\$ 37,877,340

Carrying amounts:

	Land and Buildings	Distribution Equipment	Other Fixed Assets	Construction in Progress	Total
At December 31, 2020	\$ 11,595,060	94,150,973	17,556,280	3,109,981	\$ 126,412,294
At December 31, 2021	11,412,713	100,936,707	18,541,488	3,532,833	134,423,741

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## 5. Intangible assets:

(a) Cost or deemed cost:

	Computer Software	Goodwill and land rights	Total
Balance, at January 1, 2020	\$ 1,978,105	1,672,021	\$ 3,650,126
Additions	118,205	10,322	128,527
Balance, at December 31, 2020	2,096,310	1,682,343	3,778,653
Additions	3,509	–	3,509
Balance, at December 31, 2021	\$ 2,099,819	1,682,343	\$ 3,782,162

(b) Accumulated depreciation:

	Computer Software	Goodwill and land rights	Total
Balance, at January 1, 2020	\$ 1,525,155	–	\$ 1,525,155
Depreciation charges	160,449	–	160,449
Balance, at December 31, 2020	1,685,604	–	1,685,604
Depreciation charges	147,723	–	147,723
Balance, at December 31, 2021	\$ 1,833,327	–	\$ 1,833,327

	Computer Software	Goodwill and land rights	Total
At December 31, 2020	\$ 410,706	1,682,343	\$ 2,093,049
At December 31, 2021	266,492	1,682,343	1,948,835

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## 6. Payment in lieu of taxes (PILS):

	2021	2020
Current tax	\$ 226,217	\$ 1,042,773
Payment (recovery) in lieu of future taxes	(254,148)	7,055,615
	<u>\$ (27,931)</u>	<u>\$ 8,098,388</u>
Rate reconciliation before net movements in regulatory balances:		
Profit (loss) before PILS and regulatory items	\$ 5,405,112	\$ (801,391)
Statutory Canadian federal and provincial income tax rate	26.50%	26.50%
PILS (recovery) using the Corporation's statutory rate	1,432,355	(212,368)
Other	(538,086)	(171,497)
Regulatory movements	(922,200)	8,482,253
Payment (recovery) in lieu of taxes	<u>\$ (27,931)</u>	<u>\$ 8,098,388</u>

The tax effect of temporary differences that give rise to deferred tax liabilities are as follows:

	Plant and Equipment	Employee Benefits	Non-capital loss carried forward/ CMT Credit	Regulatory Adjustment	Other	2021 Total
Balance, January 1	\$(1,754,117)	5,823,135	1,608,481	(8,804,601)	264,886	\$(2,862,216)
Change in deferred tax balance	(777,883)	(187,668)	451,520	1,028,390	(260,211)	254,148
Balance, December 31	<u>\$(2,532,000)</u>	<u>5,635,467</u>	<u>2,060,001</u>	<u>(7,776,211)</u>	<u>4,675</u>	<u>\$(2,608,068)</u>

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## 6. Payment in lieu of taxes (PILS) (continued):

The tax effect of temporary differences that give rise to deferred tax liabilities as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

	Plant and Equipment	Employee Benefits	Non-capital loss carried forward/ CMT Credit	Regulatory Adjustment	Other	2020 Total
Balance, January 1	\$(1,015,543)	5,344,022	125,178	(322,348)	62,090	\$ 4,193,399
Change in deferred tax balance	(738,574)	479,113	1,483,303	(8,482,253)	202,796	(7,055,615)
Balance, December 31	\$(1,754,117)	5,823,135	1,608,481	(8,804,601)	264,886	\$(2,862,216)

## 7. Regulatory balances:

	January 1, 2021	Balances arising in the period	Recovery/ (reversal)	December 31, 2021
IFRS deferral (a)	\$ 2,823,994	\$ 170,456	\$ (775,810)	\$ 2,218,640
LRAMVA (b)	677,331	(677,331)	–	–
Cost of service (c)	475,267	(105,599)	–	369,668
Group 1 variance accounts (d)	330,477	(280,610)	987,299	1,037,166
OPEB actuarial gain/losses (e)	2,105,035	(1,664,183)	–	440,852
OPEB cash to accrual transition (f)	26,089,910	–	–	26,089,910
Deferred rate implementation (g)	931,999	4,374	(601,068)	335,305
<b>Regulatory assets</b>	<b>\$ 33,434,013</b>	<b>\$ (2,552,893)</b>	<b>\$ (389,579)</b>	<b>\$ 30,491,541</b>
Advanced Capital Module - Cressey (j)	\$ –	\$ 141,784	\$ –	\$ 141,784
Tax related variance accounts (h)	209,103	153,704	–	362,807
Deferred payment in lieu of taxes (i)	5,271,543	(1,217,392)	–	4,054,151
LRAMVA (b)	–	47,996	–	47,996
Fixed charge billing error (k)	410,343	508,559	–	918,902
<b>Regulatory liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,890,989</b>	<b>\$ (365,349)</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$ 5,525,640</b>

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## 7. Regulatory balances (continued):

	January 1, 2020	Balances arising in the period	Recovery/ (reversal)	December 31, 2020
Smart grid/renewable connection	\$ 441,224	\$ (441,224)	\$ –	\$ –
IFRS deferral (a)	3,421,971	(194,845)	(403,132)	2,823,994
Other regulatory assets deferral	188,931	(188,931)	–	–
LRAMVA (b)	1,004,425	(327,094)	–	677,331
Cost of service (c)	318,814	156,453	–	475,267
Group 1 variance accounts (d)	–	330,477	–	330,477
OPEB actuarial gain/losses (e)	–	2,105,035	–	2,105,035
OPEB cash to accrual transition (f)	–	26,089,910	–	26,089,910
Deferred rate implementation (g)	–	931,999	–	931,999
<b>Regulatory assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,375,365</b>	<b>\$28,461,780</b>	<b>\$ (403,132)</b>	<b>\$33,434,013</b>
Demand side management costs	\$ 513,952	\$ (513,952)	\$ –	\$ –
Group 1 variance accounts (d)	2,877,195	(587,766)	(2,289,429)	–
Tax related variance accounts (h)	206,267	2,836	–	209,103
Deferred payment in lieu of taxes (i)	5,578,287	(306,744)	–	5,271,543
Incremental pole rental revenue	552,588	(552,588)	–	–
Smart meters/stranded meters	8,954	(8,954)	–	–
Fixed charge billing error (k)	–	410,343	–	410,343
<b>Regulatory liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 9,737,243</b>	<b>\$ (1,556,825)</b>	<b>\$ (2,289,429)</b>	<b>\$ 5,890,989</b>

The regulatory deferral account balances are recovered or settled through rates set by the OEB which are determined using estimates of the Corporation's future number of electricity customers as well as estimates of future electricity consumption by customers.

The Corporation has received approval from the OEB to establish its regulatory deferral account balances.

The regulatory balances of the Corporation consist of the following:

a) IFRS deferral:

As part of its 2020 Cost of Service application, the Corporation was approved to dispose of the costs accumulated between 2013 and 2019 related to the IFRS-CGAAP transitional property, plant and equipment losses that did not form part of its 2013 rate base. The Corporation will recover these costs over a 5-year period. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Corporation recorded an increase of \$170,456 (2020 – decrease of \$194,845) and recovered \$775,810 (2020 – \$403,132) from rate payers related to this balance.

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## 7. Regulatory balances (continued):

### b) LRAMVA:

The Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism variance account (LRAMVA) was established to capture the variance between the Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) adjustment to a distributor's OEB-approved load forecast and the actual CDM results at the customer rate class level. When disposing of this regulatory asset, the Corporation must provide evidence to the OEB to support the claim. The Corporation was approved to dispose of these funds for recovery from rate payers through its 2020 Cost of Service application and will continue the recovery as a result of the approval included in its 2021 IRM application.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Corporation has recorded a liability of \$47,996 (2020 – asset of \$22,805) and was approved to dispose of \$678,575 (2020 - \$349,899).

### c) Cost of service accrual:

The Ontario Energy Board's Accounting Procedure Handbook allows for the deferral of regulatory expenses, that by approval or direction of the Board, are to be spread over future periods. During 2019 and 2020, the Corporation worked on and received approval of its Cost of Service application. The amounts in this account reflect the associated costs incurred to the end of 2020. The amount in this account will be amortized to the income statement annually over 5 years by charges to this account. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Corporation recognized \$107,985 (2020 – \$71,990) within operating expenses.

### d) Group 1 variance accounts:

Group 1 variance accounts consist of retail settlement variance accounts. These accounts represent the difference between the amount paid by the Corporation to its power supplier for the cost of energy and the amount billed by the Corporation to its customers as energy sales, and related carrying costs, which are recorded on the statement of financial position as retail settlement variances until their final disposition is decided by the OEB. The Corporation recognizes retail settlement variances as an asset or liability based on the expectation that these amounts will be approved by the OEB for future collection from, or refund to, customers through the rate setting and approval process. The retail settlement variance asset represents the surplus of amounts billed by the IESO for the cost of energy compared to the amounts charged to customers as energy sales.

Settlement of the deferral accounts is done on an annual basis through the rate application to the OEB. The net balance of the retail settlement variances must meet a certain threshold in order to dispose of these balances. The Corporation was approved to dispose of a portion of these balances for repayment to the rate payers through its 2019 IRM and 2020 Cost of Service applications. The amount included in the 2021 IRM application did not exceed the threshold and therefore the balance was not requested for disposition.

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## 7. Regulatory balances (continued):

### e) OPEB actuarial gains/losses:

As part of its 2020 Cost of Service application, the Corporation was approved to establish a new “other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Actuarial Gains and Losses Deferral Account” to record the cumulative actuarial gains and losses for future recovery or repayment to ratepayers should the gains and losses that are tracked in this account not substantially offset over time. The balance arising during the year ended December 31, 2021 is comprised of an actuarial gain of \$1,223,175 and an associated deferred tax impact of \$441,008. At December 31, 2021, the cumulative net position is an actuarial loss recoverable in future rates.

### f) OPEB cash to accrual transition:

As part of its 2020 Cost of Service application, the Corporation was approved to establish a new “Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Cash to Accrual Transitional Amount” deferral account. The Corporation previously recovered OPEBs through rates on a cash basis and has transitioned to recover on an accrual basis in 2020. Guidance was provided to utilities with respect to the transition between cash and accrual methods of recovery of the OPEB obligation through rates within the Report of the Ontario Energy Board – Regulatory Treatment of Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs) Costs dated September 14, 2017. Included with the balance recorded as of December 31, 2021 is \$26,089,910 relating to the recovery of the OPEB obligation utilizing the accrual approach. These balances represent management’s best estimate of the transitional balance and the expected recovery based on the guidance available as of the date of these financial statements. The balance will be reviewed at the Corporation’s next Cost of Service application and a mechanism to recover the balance will be proposed at that time. The final decision on the approval of disposition will be subject to a prudence review in the next Cost of Service proceeding with any adjustments recorded in the period the approval for disposition is received.

### g) Deferred rate implementation:

As part of the Corporation’s settlement proposal for its 2020 Cost of Service application, it requested approval to defer the implementation of its May 1, 2020 rate increase in line with the option allowed to other distributors by the OEB for May 1, 2020 rate increases in order to offer relief to customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Corporation’s request was approved and its May 1, 2020 rate increase was deferred to November 1, 2020. This balance represents the revenue that was foregone during the period of May 1 to October 31, 2020 for future recovery. The Corporation was approved to begin recovering this balance over a 1-year period as part of its 2021 IRM application. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Corporation recovered \$601,068 from rate payers.

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## 7. Regulatory balances (continued):

### h) Tax related variance accounts:

This balance arose from the revenue requirement impact of accelerated capital cost allowance deductions from the Accelerated Investment Incentive tax measure which received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019. Any balance in this account will be proposed for disposition as part of the Corporation's next Cost of Service application.

### i) Deferred payment in lieu of taxes:

This regulatory deferral account relates to the expected future electricity distribution rate reduction for customers arising from timing differences in the recognition of deferred tax assets and other approved recoveries. As at December 31, 2021, the Corporation has recorded a deferred tax liability of \$4,054,151 (2020 - \$5,271,543) with respect to its rate-regulated activities. In the absence of rate regulation this regulatory balance and the retained earnings impact would not be recorded.

### j) Advanced Capital Module – Cressey:

As part of its 2020 Cost of Service application, the Corporation was approved for an Advanced Capital Module (ACM) for its Cressey Substation. The ACM is a funding mechanism that allows incremental funding requests for discrete projects that are part of a distributor's Distribution System Plan, that will be put into service during the incentive rate-setting term. The mechanism helps promote manageable rate impacts over the long-term. The Cressey Substation was built in 2021 for a total cost of \$4,750,994. Accounting guidance provided by the OEB would have the Corporation record the asset as a regulatory asset, to be transferred to capital assets in the distributor's next Cost of Service rebasing year, however the Corporation has recorded the asset and associated accumulated depreciation within property, plant and equipment in accordance with the requirements under IFRS.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Corporation collected \$209,745 from customers related to the ACM and has recorded this amount as a regulatory liability.

### k) Fixed charge billing error:

On March 3, 2021 the Corporation discovered a persistent billing error that was causing the Corporation to recover an insignificant amount of excess fixed charges from its customers than allowed under the Corporation's OEB-approved tariffs. On March 11, 2021 the Corporation reported the billing error to the OEB and implemented a solution that eliminated the error effective May 1, 2021. As a result of the self-reported error the OEB initiated a compliance review that culminated in an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC). The AVC stipulated that the Corporation refund customers the overcharged amounts for four years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 rate years). The refund will be paid through a lump sum bill credit which will appear on customer bills prior to June 30, 2022. The total liability is estimated to be \$918,902 and has been accrued in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.



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## 7. Regulatory balances (continued):

l) Net movement:

Net movement on regulatory accounts consist of:

	2021	2020
Net movement on regulatory accounts related to income or loss	\$ (2,246,828)	\$ 3,813,556
Net movement on regulatory accounts from deferred taxes related to income	893,251	306,743
Net movement on regulatory accounts from one-time cash-to-accrual OPEB transitional amount	–	26,647,744
Net movement on regulatory accounts from one-time other comprehensive income OPEB actuarial amount	–	1,547,158
<b>Total net movement on regulatory accounts</b>	<b>\$ (1,353,577)</b>	<b>\$ 32,315,201</b>

For certain regulatory asset and liabilities identified above, the expected recovery or settlement period, or likelihood of recovery or settlement is affected by risks and uncertainties relating to the ultimate authority of the OEB in determining the item's treatment for rate-setting purposes. The Corporation continually assesses the likelihood of recovery of each of its regulatory assets and refunds of each of its regulatory liabilities and continues to believe that the OEB will factor its regulatory assets and liabilities into the setting of future rates. If at some future date the Corporation determines that it is no longer probable that the OEB will include a regulatory asset or liability in future rates, the appropriate carrying amount will be charged to operations in the period the determination is made.

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## 8. Long-term obligations:

	2021	2020
Employee future benefit obligation (note 9)	\$ 21,265,920	\$ 22,362,625
Loan payable (a)	1,142,000	1,308,000
Swap contract interest (a) and (b)	158,202	285,900
Multiple draw term loan (b)	690,864	840,439
Customer deposits (d)	1,831,193	1,984,331
Developer contributions (e)	1,261,707	1,204,092
Bank loan (c) and (f)	9,931,746	5,819,840
	36,281,632	33,805,227
Less: current portion	(1,471,892)	(1,449,818)
	\$ 34,809,740	\$ 32,355,409

- a) On July 12, 2007 ConvergGen Inc. was advanced monies under a reducing term, floating rate facility from TD Bank at a face amount of \$2,800,000 to finance the construction of a landfill gas generation plant. Concurrent with the entry into the loan facility, to mitigate the Corporation's exposure to interest rate risk, the Corporation entered into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, 2000 Master Agreement. The interest rate swap is used for non-speculative purposes to convert floating rate debt into fixed rate debt bearing interest at 5.97% per annum. The debt facility has a termination date of July 12, 2027 with an optional exit strategy at five, ten and 15 years.

The debt facilities are secured by a general security agreement (GSA) representing a first charge on all of the assets and undertakings of ConvergGen Inc. The agreement contains covenants requiring a total debt to total capitalization ratio of less than 50% and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 1.2:1 be maintained by the Corporation and its affiliates: ConvergGen Inc., Greater Sudbury Hydro Plus Inc., Greater Sudbury Telecommunications Inc., 1627596 Ontario Inc. and Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. As of December 31, 2021, the Corporation was in compliance with these covenants.

- b) On January 14, 2011, Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc./Hydro du Grand Sudbury Inc. was advanced monies by TD Bank under a reducing term, floating rate facility at a face amount of \$2,000,000 to finance the purchase of the smart meters. Concurrent with the entry into the loan facility, to mitigate the Corporation's exposure to interest rate risk, the Corporation entered into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, 2002 Master Agreement. The interest rate swap is used for non-speculative purposes to convert floating rate debt into fixed rate debt bearing interest at 3.7%. The debt facility has a termination date of January 19, 2026. The facility loaned has a fixed/floating interest swap, 15 years, payable monthly, secured by a general security agreement representing a first charge on all the borrower's assets and undertakings, and an unlimited guarantee of advances executed by the borrower.

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## 8. Long-term obligations (continued):

- c) The Corporation entered into a financing agreement on January 12, 2015 with TD Equipment Finance in the amount of \$971,604. The finance term is 120 months at a fixed interest rate of 4.33% and is secured by the underlying specified assets under financing. Annual payments of \$119,805 are required as a result of this financing facility.
- d) Customer deposits represent cash deposits from electricity distribution customers and retailers. Deposits from electricity distribution customers are refundable to customers who demonstrate an acceptable level of credit risk as determined by the Corporation in accordance with policies set out by the OEB or upon termination of their electricity distribution service.
- e) Upon expansion of the Corporation's electricity distribution customer base, a developer is required to incur the cost to establish any necessary electricity infrastructure. This infrastructure is contributed to the Corporation and the Corporation then assumes the risks and responsibilities associated with the infrastructure. The Corporation is required to perform an analysis of the ongoing economic benefit it receives from the expansion, and a formulaic approach determines if a developer is entitled to recovery of the capital it contributed to the Corporation. These developer contributions represent the Corporation's estimated liability of amounts owed to developers pertaining to these expansions.
- f) The Corporation entered into a new unsecured debt arrangement with TD Bank in the form of funds available via multiple draws, up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 in total debt. The Corporation received a draw of \$5,500,000 on March 26, 2020 bearing interest at a fixed rate of 1.976% and a further draw of \$4,500,000 on February 19, 2021 bearing interest at a fixed rate of 2.351%. The term of the draws are 10 years with 25-year amortization.

Principal repayments relating to note 8 (a), (b), (c) and (f) for the next 5 years are as follows:

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2022	\$ 754,663
2023	785,925
2024	816,757
2025	736,496
2026	583,448
Thereafter	8,087,321

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## 9. Employee future benefits:

The Corporation pays certain medical and life insurance benefits on behalf of some of its retired employees. The Corporation recognizes these post-retirement costs in the period in which employees' services were rendered. The accrued benefit liability at December 31, 2021 of \$21,265,920 was based on an actuarial valuation completed in 2021 using a discount rate of 3.00%.

The cost of providing benefits under the benefit plans is actuarially determined using the projected unit credit method, which incorporates management's best estimate of future salary levels, retirement ages of employees, health care costs, and other actuarial factors. Changes in actuarial assumptions and experience adjustments give rise to actuarial gains and losses. Actuarial gains and losses on medical, dental and life insurance benefits are recognized in OCI as they arise. Actuarial gains and losses related to rate-regulated activities are subsequently reclassified from OCI to a regulatory balance on the consolidated statement of financial position. Actuarial gains and losses on accumulated sick leave credits are recognized in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Eligible actuarial gains and losses are subsequently reclassified to a regulatory balance as discussed in note 7 (e).

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit unfunded obligation and the accrued benefit liability are as follows:

	2021	2020
Employee future benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 22,362,625	\$ 20,360,853
Current service cost	227,044	231,433
Interest costs	574,256	622,652
Benefits paid during the year	(551,702)	(550,597)
Actuarial (gains) losses from remeasurement (see note 9 (a))	(1,346,303)	1,698,284
Employee future benefit obligation, end of year	\$ 21,265,920	\$ 22,362,625

Components of net benefit expense recognized are as follows:

	2021	2020
Current service cost	\$ 227,044	\$ 231,433
Interest costs	574,256	622,652
Net benefit expense recognized	\$ 801,300	\$ 854,085

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## 9. Employee future benefits (continued):

Actuarial gains and losses recognized net of tax in other comprehensive income are as follows:

	2021	2020
Cumulative amount at January 1	\$ (132,761)	\$ 1,565,480
Recognized during the year, net of tax (a)	123,128	(151,083)
Reclassification to regulatory balance	–	(1,547,158)
<b>Cumulative amount at December 31</b>	<b>\$ (9,633)</b>	<b>\$ (132,761)</b>

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation are as follows (weighted average):

	2021	2020
Accrued benefit obligation:		
Discount rate	3.00%	2.60%
Benefit cost for the year:		
Withdrawal rate	4.00%	4.00%
Assumed health care cost trend rates:		
Initial health care cost trend rate	4.70%	4.40%
Cost trend rate increases to year 2021 of 4.70% and 2022 of 4.90% which is the rate it is assumed to remain at	4.90%	4.70%

The main actuarial assumptions utilized for the valuation are as follows:

- General inflation – future general inflation levels, as measured by the changes in the Consumer Price Index, were assumed at 2.00% in 2021, and thereafter (2020 – 2.00%).
- Discount (interest) rate – the discount rate used to determine the present value of future liabilities and the expense for the year ended December 31, 2021, was 3.00% (2020 – 2.60%).
- Salary levels – future general salary and wage levels were assumed to increase at 2.30% (2020 – 2.30%) per annum.
- Medical costs – medical costs were assumed to be 4.70% for 2021 and 4.90% thereafter.
- Dental costs – dental costs were assumed to be 4.90% for 2021 and 5.10% thereafter.

a) Item that will not be reclassified to income or loss.

	2021	2020
Remeasurement of employee future benefit obligation	\$ 1,346,303	\$ (1,698,284)
Reclassification to regulatory account	(1,223,175)	1,547,201
	<b>\$ 123,128</b>	<b>\$ (151,083)</b>

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## 10. Share capital:

	2021	2020
Authorized:		
Unlimited common shares		
Issued:		
1,002 common shares	\$ 22,431,779	\$ 22,431,779

## 11. Revenues (in thousands):

The following table disaggregates revenues by type of customer (in thousands):

	2021	2020
Revenue from contracts with customers:		
Energy sales:		
Residential service	\$ 46,040	\$ 55,045
General service	51,154	58,657
Other	4,265	3,589
	101,459	117,291
Distribution revenue:		
Residential service	16,395	14,412
General service	9,713	8,476
Other	750	626
	26,858	23,514
Revenue from other sources:		
Conservation recoveries	441	1,426
Conservation performance incentive	3	11
Pole rental	1,058	1,099
Contracts and rentals	12,210	11,726
Electricity generation	1,050	1,168
Other charges	1,993	1,985
	16,755	17,415
	\$ 145,072	\$ 158,220

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## 12. Commitments and contingencies:

General:

From time to time, the Corporation is involved in various litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of its business. On an ongoing basis, the Corporation assesses the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes as well as potential ranges of probable costs and losses. A determination of the provision required, if any, for these contingencies is made after an analysis of each individual issue. The provision may change in the future due to new developments in each matter or changes in approach, such as a change in settlement strategy. The Corporation has no reason to believe that the disposition of any such current matter could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse impact on the Corporation's financial position, results of operations or its ability to carry on any of its business activities.

General liability insurance:

The Corporation is a member of the Municipal Electric Association Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (MEARIE). MEARIE is a pooling of public liability insurance risks of many of the LDSc in Ontario. All members of the pool are subjected to assessment for losses experienced by the pool for the years in which they were members, on a pro-rata basis based on the total of their respective service revenues. As at December 31, 2021, no assessments have been made.

## 13. Guarantees:

The Corporation has issued a \$9,048,386 letter of guarantee to the IESO. This was a requirement of the IESO for market opening on May 1, 2002. At December 31, 2021, no amounts have been drawn on this letter of guarantee.

## 14. Pension agreement:

The Corporation provides a pension plan for its employees through OMERS. The plan is a multi-employer, defined contribution plan benefit with equal contributions by the employer and its employees. In 2021, the Corporation made employer contributions of \$1,357,946 to OMERS (2020 - \$1,330,174).

The Corporation estimates a contribution of \$1,417,151 will be made to OMERS during the next fiscal year.

## 15. Employee compensation:

	2021	2020
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 16,520,271	\$ 15,770,131
Contributions to OMERS	1,357,946	1,330,174
	<u>\$ 17,878,217</u>	<u>\$ 17,100,305</u>

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## 16. Related party transactions:

Parent and ultimate controlling party:

Greater Sudbury Utilities./Services Publics du Grand Sudbury Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City"). The City produces consolidated financial statements that are available for public use.

Transactions with ultimate parent (the City):

During the year, the Corporation paid the City interest on a promissory note totaling \$3,794,709 (2020 - \$3,794,709). The promissory note is repayable in full on six months' written notice of the holder of the note. As at April 25, 2022, the City has informed the Corporation it will not demand repayment of the promissory note within one year.

The Corporation had the following significant transactions with its ultimate parent, a government entity:

- i) electricity sales;
- ii) streetlight maintenance;
- iii) telecommunications; and
- iv) water and wastewater billing.

Transactions with the ultimate parent relating to the above transactions in 2021 amounted to \$9,313,683 (2020 - \$10,040,397).

The Corporation provides electrical energy to the City at the same regulated rates and terms as other similar customers based on the amount of electricity consumed.

During the year, the Corporation sold the City water billing administration services and streetlight maintenance services totaling \$1,599,830 (2020 - \$1,567,667) and \$293,722 (2020 - \$469,517), respectively. Included in accounts receivable is \$1,069,203 (2020 - \$1,852,633) on account of these sales.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$990,857 (2020 - \$1,351,461) relating to amounts collected by the Corporation on behalf of the City for water billing. Correspondingly, included in accounts receivable is \$11,054 (2020 - \$9,612) relating to amounts collected by the City relating to electricity and water bill payments.

During the year, the Corporation paid \$315,613 (2020 - \$312,372) to the City on account of municipal taxes.



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## 16. Related party transactions (continued):

Key management personnel:

The key management personnel of the Corporation have been defined as members of its board of directors and executive management team members, and their compensation is summarized below.

	2021	2020
Directors' fees	\$ 130,279	\$ 171,511
Salaries and benefits	1,513,309	1,490,193
	<u>\$ 1,643,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,661,704</u>

## 17. Deferred revenue:

	2021	2020
Contributions in aid of capital (a)	\$ 9,074,718	\$ 7,961,883
Hydro One Telecom (b)	322,245	—
Dark fibre capacity services (c)	62,296	97,602
Telus (d)	58,687	63,655
1627596 Ontario Inc. deferred revenue (e)	389,750	388,924
Other	140,267	252,307
	<u>10,047,963</u>	<u>8,764,371</u>
Less: current portion	(466,177)	(424,231)
	<u>\$ 9,581,786</u>	<u>\$ 8,340,140</u>

(a) Under IFRS, contributions in aid of capital are to be classified as deferred revenue, and amortized into income over the life of the capital asset.

(b) On February 21, 2021, Greater Sudbury Telecommunications Inc. entered into a Fibre Optic Cable IRU Agreement with Hydro One Telecom for a ten-year period ending February 21, 2031. This revenue is being recognized over the term of the agreement on a straight-line basis as the service is provided to the customer.

(c) Greater Sudbury Telecommunications Inc. agreed to supply dark fibre capacity services to five public sector organizations commencing October 2003. Each of the five organizations agreed to make a lump sum payment of \$120,000 as well as payments of \$500 per month for a 20-year period or a further lump sum payment, in exchange for the provision of these services by the Corporation. The amounts received in advance will be recognized over the 20-year period that the service is delivered to the customers on a straight-line basis.

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## 17. Deferred revenue (continued):

- (d) During 2009, Greater Sudbury Telecommunications Inc. entered into a Fibre Optic Cable IRU Agreement with Telus Corporation for a twenty-five year period ending December 31, 2034. This revenue is being recognized over the term of the agreement on a straight-line basis as the service is delivered to the customer.
- (e) 1627596 Ontario Inc. o/a @home Energy bills their customers on a quarterly basis. The deferred revenue represents the amount billed before year-end that pertains to future periods.

## 18. Finance lease obligations:

	Indefeasible Right of Use
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	
Balance at January 1, 2021	\$ 2,669,955
Additions	–
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 2,669,955</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>	
Balance at January 1, 2021	\$ 229,240
Additions	246,983
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 476,223</b>
<b>Carrying amounts</b>	
At December 31, 2020	\$ 2,440,715
At December 31, 2021	2,193,732
<b>Finance lease liability</b>	
Balance at January 1, 2021	\$ 463,574
Non-cash repayments	(52,353)
Accretion	8,680
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 419,901</b>
<b>Made up of</b>	
Current portion	\$ 44,544
Long-term finance lease liability	375,357
	<b>\$ 419,901</b>

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## 18. Finance lease obligations (continued):

Certain leases held by the Corporation provide the Corporation with extension options and termination options that may impact the term of the Lease which can impact the finance lease liability recognized in the statement of financial position. The Corporation has determined the lease term for all contracts based on all available information as at the reporting date.

Total cash outflows relating to leases amounted to \$Nil for 2021 (2020 - \$2,121,579).

## 19. Investment in associates:

	2021	2020
Investment in Ecobility (i)	\$ 1,082,124	\$ 1,254,203
Investment in 17 Trees (ii)	206,912	200,000
	<b>\$ 1,289,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,454,203</b>

### (i) Investment in Ecobility:

At December 31, 2021, the Corporation owns 1 Class A voting share and 46,879 Class B shares of a corporation responsible for conservation programs, representing approximately 32.6% of the outstanding shares. The Corporation accounts for this investment using the equity method.

The Corporation's investment in associate is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2020	46,879	\$ 1,254,203
Share of comprehensive income of associate, for the year ending December 31, 2021	–	184,610
Other	–	(30,411)
Dividend received	–	(326,278)
	46,879	(172,079)
Balance, December 31, 2021	46,879	\$ 1,082,124

Summarized financial information of the associate for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Statement of Financial Position
Current assets	\$ 3,179,346
Non-current assets	52,690
Net assets	3,232,036

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## 19. Investment in associates (continued):

### (i) Investment in Ecobility (continued):

	Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income	
Net income for the period	\$	566,289
Percentage ownership in associate		32.60%
Share of income		184,610

### (ii) Investment in 17 Trees:

At December 31, 2021, the Corporation also owns 100 common shares of a Corporation responsible for arbor services, representing approximately 33.3% of the outstanding common shares. The Corporation accounts for this investment using the equity method.

The Corporation's investment in associate is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2020	100	\$ 200,000
Share of comprehensive income of associate, for the year ending December 31, 2021	–	6,912
	100	6,912
Balance, December 31, 2021		\$ 206,912

Summarized financial information of the associate for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Statement of Financial Position	
Current assets	\$	787,075
Non-current assets		1,030,542
Net assets		1,817,617

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## 19. Investment in associates (continued):

(ii) Investment in 17 Trees (continued):

	Statement of Income and Comprehensive Income	
Net income for the period	\$	20,737
Percentage ownership in associate		33.33%
Share of income		6,912

## 20. Change in non-cash operating working capital items:

	2021	2020
Accounts receivable	\$ (471,529)	(951,795)
Inventory	(77,745)	(200)
Deferred revenue	196,787	(269,205)
Unbilled revenue – distribution	(408,569)	176,655
Unbilled revenue – energy sales	626,545	1,972,832
Customer deposits	(153,138)	(330,774)
Payable for energy purchases	144,536	(2,927,286)
Change in regulatory assets/liabilities	1,683,871	(5,807,955)
Change in deferred payment in lieu of taxes	893,251	(417,337)
Prepaid expenses	(160,332)	232,239
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	328,044	(467,954)
	\$ 2,601,721	(8,790,780)

## 21. Financial instruments and risk management:

(a) Fair value disclosure:

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value. The carrying values of accounts receivables, unbilled revenue, bank indebtedness and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The carrying value of the customer deposits approximates fair value because the amounts are payable on demand.

(b) Financial risks:

The Corporation understands the risks inherent in its business and defines them broadly as anything that could impact its ability to achieve its strategic objectives. The Corporation's exposure to a variety of risks such as credit risk, interest rate risk, and liquidity risk, as well as related mitigation strategies are discussed below.

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## 21. Financial instruments and risk management (continued):

### (b) Financial risks (continued):

#### i) Credit risk:

Financial assets carry credit risk that a counterparty will fail to discharge an obligation which could result in a financial loss. Financial assets held by the Corporation, such as accounts receivable, expose it to credit risk. The Corporation earns its revenue from a broad base of customers located in the City of Greater Sudbury. No single customer accounts for a balance in excess of 7% of total accounts receivable.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced through the use of an allowance for estimated credit losses and the amount of the related impairment loss is recognized in net income. Subsequent recoveries of receivables previously provisioned are credited to net income. The balance of the allowance for impairment at December 31, 2021 is \$1,072,871 (2020 - \$1,207,548). A write-off of \$122,898 (2020 - \$259,421) was recognized during the year.

The Corporation's credit risk associated with accounts receivable is primarily related to payments from distribution customers. At December 31, 2021, approximately \$2,356,836 (2020 - \$1,998,003) is considered 46 days past due. The Corporation has over 47,000 customers, the majority of whom are residential. Credit risk is managed through collection of security deposits from customers in accordance with directions provided by the OEB. As at December 31, 2021, the Corporation holds security deposits in the amount of \$1,831,193 (2020 - \$1,984,331).

#### ii) Market risk:

Market risk primarily refers to the risk of loss resulting from changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, and interest rates. The Corporation currently does not have any material commodity or foreign exchange risk. The Corporation is exposed to fluctuations in interest rates as the regulated rate of return for the Corporation's distribution business is derived using a complex formulaic approach which is in part based on the forecast for long-term Government of Canada bond yields. This rate of return is approved by the OEB as part of the approval of distribution rates.

#### iii) Liquidity risk:

The Corporation monitors its liquidity risk to ensure access to sufficient funds to meet operational and investing requirements. The Corporation's objective is to ensure that sufficient liquidity is on hand to meet obligations as they fall due while minimizing interest exposure. The Corporation has access to an \$8,000,000 credit facility and monitors cash balances daily to ensure that a sufficient level of liquidity is on hand to meet financial commitments as they come due. The credit facility is only drawn upon in instances where the combined cash balance of the consolidated Greater Sudbury Utilities entity is in a negative position. As at December 31, 2021, \$Nil (2020 - \$ Nil) was drawn under the Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. \$8,000,000 credit facility (2020 - \$8,000,000).

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## 21. Financial instruments and risk management (continued):

### (b) Financial risks (continued):

#### iii) Liquidity risk (continued):

The majority of accounts payable, as reported on the consolidated statement of financial position, are due within 30 days.

#### iv) Capital disclosures:

The main objectives of the Corporation, when managing capital, are to ensure ongoing access to funding to maintain and improve the electricity distribution system, compliance with covenants related to its credit facilities, prudent management of its capital structure with regard for recoveries of financing charges permitted by the OEB on its regulated electricity distribution business, and to deliver the appropriate financial returns.

The Corporation's definition of capital includes shareholder's equity and long-term debt. As at December 31, 2021, shareholder's equity amounts to \$74,572,885 (2020 - \$70,370,291) and long-term debt amounts to \$97,107,702 (2020 - \$93,456,269).

### (c) Other risk:

The Corporation's main source of revenue relates to fees for the sale and distribution of energy. In March 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. This resulted in the Canadian and Provincial governments enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. The Corporation halted in-person activity, closed its facilities to staff and moved to delivery of essential services in a virtual environment based on recommendations from Public Health Ontario.

The impact of COVID-19 is expected to negatively impact operations for a duration that cannot be reasonably predicted. The further overall operational and financial impact is highly dependent on the duration of COVID-19, including the potential occurrence of additional waves of the pandemic, and could be affected by other factors that are currently not known. Management is actively monitoring the effect of the pandemic on its financial condition, liquidity, operations, suppliers and workforce. Given the daily evolution of the pandemic and the global responses to curb its spread, the Corporation is not able to fully estimate the effects of the pandemic on its results of operations, financial condition, or liquidity at this time.

## 22. Comparative information:

Certain of the 2020 comparative information have been restated to conform with the 2021 presentation.