

RP-2005-0020 EB-2005-0392

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act,* 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Newbury Power Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, effective March 1, 2007.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos

**Presiding Member** 

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Newbury Power Inc. ("Newbury Power") filed an application, dated December 22, 2006, with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B as amended, for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity, to be effective March 1, 2007.

The Board issued its Decision with Reasons related to this application on May 1, 2007. In its Decision, the Board directed Newbury Power to file within 14 days a rate mitigation plan as total bill increases for its customer classes were well beyond 10% and therefore not in accordance with section 13.1 of the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook.

On May 15, 2007, Newbury Power filed a rate mitigation plan, in which charges associated with Low Voltage and Regulatory Assets would continue to be deferred in

the respective deferral/variance accounts. According to Newbury Power, the proposed mitigation plan results in total bill increases for each customer class of approximately 10%.

The Board finds the proposed mitigation plan to be reasonable and approves it.

In its filing, Newbury Power noted that it plans to recover balances in the Low Voltage and Regulatory Assets deferral/variance beginning in May, 2008. Newbury Power also noted its intention to file a 2007 IRM rates application within 60 days of receiving a final rate order from the Board and, in addition, it would file a 2008 IRM rates application and include the recovery for LV charges and Regulatory Assets at that time. As the guidelines for the 2008 IRM rates applications have not yet been issued by the Board, the Board will not comment on Newbury Power's plans with respect to 2008 IRM rates.

## THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order is approved, effective May 1, 2007, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2007.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Ontario Energy Board for Newbury Power Inc. and is final in all respects.
- 3. Newbury Power Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 28, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell Assistant Board Secretary Appendix "A"

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This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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## **APPLICATION**

- The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Codes, Guidelines or Orders of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.
- No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a e approved 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook or any other Licence conditions, Codes, Guidelines or Orders of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.
- This schedule does not contain any rates and charges relating to the electricity commodity (e.g. the Regulated Price Plan).

## **EFFECTIVE DATES**

DISTRIBUTION RATES – May 1, 2007 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date. SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – May 1, 2007 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date. LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – May 1, 2007 unless the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates. In that case, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

## **SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### Residential

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification applies to a non-residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### General Service 50 to 4.999 kW

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

## Street Lighting

This classification applies to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connection load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Street Lighting plant, facilities or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the ESA requirements.

## **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**

#### Residential

Service Charge	\$	11.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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General Service Less Than 50 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	21.37 0.0117 0.0052 0.0045 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	257.52 1.3265 2.1210 1.7870 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Street Lighting		
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.78 3.2983 1.6002 1.3824 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Specific Service Charges		
Customer Administration Arrears certificate Statement of Account Duplicate Invoices for pervious billing Notification Charge Account History Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges) Legal letter charge Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Special meter reads Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	***	15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 30.00 30.00
Non-Payment of Account Late Payment - per month Late Payment - per annum Collection of account charge – no disconnection	% % \$	1.50 19.56 30.00
Service Call – customer owned equipment Service Call – after regular hours Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - per pole/year	\$ \$ \$	30.00 165.00 22.35
Allowances Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	\$/kW %	(0.60) (1.00)

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## **LOSS FACTORS**

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW

1.0580 1.0475