



EB-2007-0513

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 Cambridge
and North Dumphries Hydro Inc. for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates
and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2007.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Paul Vlahos
Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Cambridge and North Dumphries Hydro Inc. (“CND Hydro”) is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its licensed service area. CND Hydro filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2007.

CND Hydro is one of 85 electricity distributors in Ontario that are regulated by the Board. To streamline the process for the approval of distribution rates and charges for these distributors, the Board issued its *Report of the Board on Cost of Capital and 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors* (the “Report”) on December 20, 2006. The Report contained the relevant guidelines for 2007 rate adjustments (“the guidelines”) for distributors applying for rates only on the basis of the

cost of capital and 2nd generation incentive regulation mechanism policies set out in the Report.

Public notice of CND Hydro's rate application was given through newspaper publication in CND Hydro's service area. The evidence filed as part of the rate application was made available to the public. Both CND Hydro and interested parties had the opportunity to file written submissions in relation to the rate application. The Board received a letter of comment from Mr. Ronald B. McKittrick, a resident of Cambridge. While the Board has considered the entire record in this rate application, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings.

CND Hydro's rate application was filed on the basis of the guidelines. In fixing new rates and charges for CND Hydro, the Board has applied the policies described in the Report.

After confirming the accuracy of the 2006 rate tariff and accompanying materials submitted in the rate application, the Board applied its approved price cap index adjustment to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes. The price cap index is calculated as a price escalator less an X-factor of 1.0%, intended to represent input price and productivity trends. Based on the final 2006 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 1.9%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore 0.9%.

The large corporation tax allowance component that was included in 2006 rates was removed prior to the application of the price cap index adjustment.

The price cap index adjustment was not applied to the following components of the rates:

- the specific service charges;
- the regulatory asset recovery rate rider; and
- the smart meter rate adder (an amount in the fixed components of the rates associated with smart meter cost recovery).

CND Hydro requested an amount of \$0.53 for smart meter costs. Regulation 153/07 under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, which amends regulation 427/06 under the same Act, was filed on April 10, 2007. As a result, it is the Board's understanding that CND Hydro

will not be undertaking any smart metering activity (i.e. discretionary metering activity) in 2007.

However, the Board has approved an amount of \$0.27 per month per metered customer to be collected through a smart meter rate adder. This nominal funding amount was calculated using the Board's model for inactive distributors, as described in the Smart Metering Rates Addendum to the Report. The amount collected through the smart meter rate adder will be booked into the existing variance accounts, and retained in those accounts, to help fund future smart meter activity. As the notice of this application indicated, the Board will be holding a combined proceeding to consider, among other things, appropriate recovery of smart meter costs.

The Board has made the necessary adjustments to CND Hydro's filed 2006 Tariff of Rates and Charges to produce a new Tariff of Rates and Charges to be effective May 1, 2007. The Board finds the rates and charges in the Tariff of Rates and Charges attached as Appendix A to this decision to be just and reasonable.

THE BOARD 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 CND Hydro, and is final in all respects.
3. CND Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, April 12, 2007.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Peter H. O'Dell
Assistant Board Secretary

Appendix A

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April 12, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Cambridge and North Dumfries Hydro Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 1, 2007

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 Code, Guideline or Order 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

Residential refers to the supply of electrical energy to detached, semi-detached, and row-housing units (freehold or condominium). This classification typically refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where electricity is used exclusively in a separate metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separate metered dwellings within a town house complex, condominium, or apartment building also qualify as residential customers.

General Service

General Service refers to the supply of electrical energy to business customers, to bulk-metered residential buildings and to combined residential and business or residential and agricultural buildings. Apartment buildings that are bulk metered will be billed at the appropriate General Service rate.

General Service Less than 50 kW

This classification refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW.

General Service 50 to 999 kW

This classification refers to a non-residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 1,000 kW.

General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW

This classification refers to a non-residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 1,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

Large Use

This classification refers to an account whose average monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 5,000 kW.

Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load.

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Street Lighting

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

Embedded Distributor

This classification applies to an electricity distributor licensed by the Board, that is provided electricity by means of this distributor's facilities.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**Residential**

Service Charge	\$	9.07
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0143
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

General Service Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	12.65
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

General Service 50 to 999 kW

Service Charge	\$	100.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.3888
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.0389
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7517
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2119
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	794.25
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8752
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.0506
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0900
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7360
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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Large Use

Service Charge	\$	4,420.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.8490
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	(0.1896)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9804
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7671
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Unmetered Scattered Load

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0019
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Street Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.27
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7377
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	(0.0046)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3827
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1116
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Embedded Distributor

Monthly Distribution Wheeling Service Rate – Waterloo North Hydro	\$/kW	0.2018
Monthly Distribution Wheeling Service Rate – Hydro One Networks	\$/kW	0.0706

Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate Invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

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Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge – no disconnection after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer-owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Allowances		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

LOSS FACTORS

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0419
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0153
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0315
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0052