



EB-2007-0536

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 Halton Hills
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

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("Halton Hills") is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its licensed service area. Halton Hills 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.

Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Halton Hills's service area. The evidence filed as part of the rate application was made available to the public. Both Halton Hills and interested parties had the opportunity to file written submissions in relation to the rate application. The Board received no submissions. 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.

Halton Hills's rate application was filed on the basis of the guidelines. In fixing new rates and charges for Halton Hills, 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 2006-approved Conservation and Demand Management funding 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).

Halton Hills requested an amount of \$1.18 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 Halton Hills will not be undertaking any smart metering activity (i.e. discretionary metering activity) in 2007.

However, the Board has approved an amount of \$0.28 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 Halton Hills'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 Halton Hills, and is final in all respects.
3. Halton Hills 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

Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the 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. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. The customer will be supplied at one service entrance only.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

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

General Service 50 to 999 kW

This classification applies to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 50 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 50 kW, but less than 1,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformer.

General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW

This classification applies to a non-residential customers with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 1,000 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 1,000 kW, but less than 5,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the installed transformer.

Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum 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, pedestrian X-Walk signals/beacons, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption.

Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light.

Street Lighting

All services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for the Municipality, the Region or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Street Lighting plant, facilities, or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements and Halton Hills Hydro specifications.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 11.35 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0115 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kWh | 0.0042 |
| 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 |

Residential (Time of Use)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 10.64 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0125 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kWh | 0.0042 |
| 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 |

General Service Less Than 50 kW

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 24.74 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0100 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kWh | 0.0038 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0045 |
| 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

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 93.67 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 4.6208 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kW | 0.4894 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 2.1218 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.7882 |
| 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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 207.22 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 4.2999 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kW | 1.2870 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered | \$/kW | 2.2535 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered | \$/kW | 1.9603 |
| 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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Unmetered Scattered Load

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 12.23 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0100 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kWh | 0.0019 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0045 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable) | \$ | 0.25 |

Sentinel Lighting

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 1.18 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 4.9844 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kW | 2.5490 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.6083 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.4113 |
| 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) | \$ | 0.52 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 3.4451 |
| Regulatory Asset Recovery | \$/kW | 1.3403 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.6002 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.3824 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable) | \$ | 0.25 |

Specific Service Charges

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 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 |
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| 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 |
| Interval Meter Charge | \$ | 20.00 |
| Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer | \$ | 500.00 |
| Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer | \$ | 300.00 |
| Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer | \$ | 1000.00 |
| Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles (\$/pole/year) | \$ | 22.35 |
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| Allowances | | |
| Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month | \$/kW | (0.50) |
| Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy | % | (1.00) |

LOSS FACTORS

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0368 |
| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW | N/A |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0265 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW | N/A |