



**EB-2007-0547**

**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 Kenora  
Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. 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**

Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. (“Kenora Hydro”) is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its licensed service area. Kenora 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.

Kenora 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> generation incentive regulation mechanism policies set out in the Report.

Public notice of Kenora Hydro's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Kenora Hydro's service area. The evidence filed as part of the rate application was made available to the public. Both Kenora Hydro 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.

Kenora Hydro's rate application was filed on the basis of the guidelines. In fixing new rates and charges for Kenora 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 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).

Kenora Hydro requested an amount of \$0.73 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 Kenora Hydro will not be undertaking any smart metering activity (i.e. discretionary metering activity) in 2007.

However, the Board has approved an amount of \$0.26 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 Kenora 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 Kenora Hydro, and is final in all respects.
3. Kenora 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

# Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.

## 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

All services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes shall be classified as residential service.

Subclasses would be:

##### Overhead

- Transformers not on private property
- Transformers on private property

##### Underground

- Transformers not on private property
- Transformers on private property

##### General Service

All services other than those designated as residential service, municipal street lighting service. This includes combination type services where a variety of uses are made of the same service by the Customer (e.g. General Service less than 50 kVA combined with residential service).

Subclasses would be:

Demand less than 50 kVA - (100A @ 120/208V; 100A @ 120/240V, 60A @ 347/600V)

Demand equal to 50 kVA, up to 500 kVA - (1600A @ 120/208V; 600A @ 347/600V; 600A @ 120/240V)

Demand equal to 500 kVA, up to 5,000 kVA - (greater than 1600A @ 120/208V OR greater than 600A @ 347/600V and service from the 44 kV distribution system)

For new installations, demand sizing is based on the main switch size in amps converted to kVA.

##### Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kVA and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, 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.

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#### Street Lighting

All service supplied to any electrical street lighting equipment owned by, or operated for, the City of Kenora that is used to illuminate roadways and sidewalks, etc. The street light equipment is not metered, and they turn on and off by photoelectric cells. The consumption will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

#### Residential

Service Charge	\$	13.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0097
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
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	\$	25.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015
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 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	366.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2165
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	(0.4097)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8149
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5930
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)	\$	12.78
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015
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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2887
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	(0.5334)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3687
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4584
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**

<b>Customer Administration</b>		
Arrears Certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	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
Account History	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	25.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	25.00
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
<b>Non-Payment of Account</b>		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole During Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - 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	\$	65.00
Service call – After Regular Hours	\$	165.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
<b>Allowances</b>		
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	1.0430
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	NA
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0325
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	NA