



EB-2007-0563

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 Oakville
Hydro Electricity Distribution 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

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (“Oakville Hydro”) is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its licensed service area. Oakville 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.

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

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

Oakville Hydro requested an amount for smart meter costs. The Board has approved an amount of \$0.27 per month per metered customer. Oakville Hydro's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the

Board, are continued. It is the Board's understanding that Oakville Hydro will not be undertaking any smart metering activity (i.e. discretionary metering activity) in 2007. 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 Oakville 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 Oakville Hydro, and is final in all respects.
3. Oakville 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

The Tariff of Rates and Charges

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April 12, 2007

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution 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

This class refers to the supply of electrical energy to detached and semi-detached residential buildings as well as farms as defined in the local zoning by-laws. Where the residential dwelling comprises the entire electrical load of a farm, it is defined as a residential service. Where electricity is provided to a combined residential and business (including agricultural usage) and the service does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of Oakville Hydro and shall be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This class refers to customers who do not qualify as residential customers and whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is less than 50kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. **Note:** Apartment buildings or multi-unit complexes and subdivisions are treated as General Service (Above 50 kW).

General Service 50 to 999 kW

This class refers to customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is in the range of 50 to 999 kW. There are two sub categories within this class, those being non-interval and interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation.

General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW

This class refers to customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is in the range of 1,000 to 4,999 kW. These accounts will all be interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation.

Large User

This class refers to customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is 5,000 kW or greater. These accounts will all be interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation.

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.

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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 Oakville Hydro specifications.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Service Charge	\$	14.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0151
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0024
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
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	\$	30.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0013
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047
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	\$	200.09
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.9473
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.3046
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0339
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	2.0997
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7691
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8263
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	\$	3,177.74
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7355
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.3263
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	2.0997
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8263
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
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Large Use

Service Charge	\$	14,879.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.7586
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	(0.5009)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8156
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4490
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)	\$	15.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0141
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047
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)	\$	0.04
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.6783
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.6258
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4077
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3546
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)	\$	0.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.9076
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.3637
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6968
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4759
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

Customer Administration		
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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
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
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles (\$/pole/year)	\$	22.35
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

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0525
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0420
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045