



**EB-2007-0568**

**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 PUC  
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**

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

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

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

PUC requested an amount for smart meter costs. The Board has approved an amount of \$0.26 per month per metered customer. PUC's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, are continued. It is the Board's understanding that PUC 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 PUC'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 PUC, and is final in all respects.
3. PUC 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

# **PUC 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 classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate metered living accommodation, and where a small business establishment exists in addition to a dwelling within one of the aforementioned dwelling units. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, or triplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building up to three units also qualify as residential customers. All customers are single-phase.

##### **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 4,999 kW**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes over the past 12 months is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

##### **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, 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 all services supported to supply sentinel lighting equipment.

##### **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 connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

##### Residential

Service Charge	\$	7.34
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0112
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0024
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
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	\$	11.20
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0187
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
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	\$	150.33
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.6781
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.6301
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7919
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2535
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 customer)	\$	10.94
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0187
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
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)	\$	1.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.5992
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.6160
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3583
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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**Street Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6014
Regulatory Asset Recovery	\$/kW	0.5199
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3514
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		
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter	\$	15.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

**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 Charge- At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole During Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole After 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		Time & materials
Service call – after regular hours		Time & materials
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer		Time & materials
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer		Time & materials
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer		Time & materials
Removal of overhead lines – during regular hours		Time & materials
Removal of overhead lines – after hours		Time & materials
Roadway escort – after regular hours		Time & materials
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	1.0430
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0326