



EB-2007-0928

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 Erie Thames
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving or fixing just
and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution
of electricity to be effective May 1, 2008.

BEFORE: Paul Sommerville
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle
Member

RATE ORDER

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (“Erie Thames”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Erie Thames filed an application with the Ontario Energy 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, 2008. The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0928 to the application.

The intervenors in this proceeding were Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

The Board issued an Interim Rate Order on April 29, 2008 declaring the existing approved rates interim as of May 1, 2008.

The Board issued its Decision and Order on Erie Thames’ application on October 27, 2008 and directed Erie Thames to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board’s findings. The Board invited comments from intervenors on the Draft Rate Order.

Erie Thames filed its Draft Rate Order on November 10, 2008. Energy Probe filed a letter of comment on the Draft Rate Order on November 13, 2008 in which it identified concerns about some of the calculations. Erie Thames responded on November 13, 2008 with a revised Draft Rate Order ("Draft Rate Order rev. 1"), noting that it made corrections based on Energy Probe's comments. As well, Erie Thames' Draft Rate Order rev. 1 noted a correction to the PILs tax provision.

On November 14, 2008, VECC filed a letter of comment on Draft Rate Order rev. 1 in which it identified concerns about some of the calculations. The concerns were different than those raised by Energy Probe. Erie Thames responded on November 18, 2008 with a second revised Draft Rate Order ("Draft Rate Order rev. 2"), noting that it made corrections based on VECC's comments. As well, Erie Thames, in Draft Rate Order rev. 2, noted that it made correcting adjustments to the Revenue at Current Rates data.

The Board has reviewed the material included in Draft Rate Order rev. 2 and the resulting Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the material accurately reflects the Board's October 27, 2008 Decision and Order.

As an administrative matter, and for completeness of the regulated charges, the Board has included in the Tariff of Rates and Charges the charges pertaining to services provided to retailers or consumers regarding the supply of competitive electricity, which are referenced in Chapter 12 of the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Rate Order is approved, effective May 1, 2008, but implemented December 1, 2008 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after December 1, 2008.
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 Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and is final in all respects.
3. Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, November 25, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation

November 25, 2008

Erie Thames Powerlines Corp.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 1, 2008

Implementation December 1, 2008

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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 e approved 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook or any other Licence conditions, Codes, Guidelines or Orders 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).

IMPLEMENTATION DATES

DISTRIBUTION RATES – December 1, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – December 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – December 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – December 1, 2008 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 Customers

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW, and town houses and condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service 50 to 999 kW

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 1,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 999 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 999 kW interval metered

Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service 1,000 to 2,999 kW

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 1,000 kW but less than 3,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 1,000 to 2,999 kW non-interval metered

General Service 1,000 to 2,999 kW interval metered

Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service 3,000 to 4,999 kW

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 3,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Large Use

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose 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, decorative street lighting, billboards, etc. The level of consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

Sentinel Lighting

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

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 connection load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Street Lighting plant, facilities or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the ESA requirements.

Embedded Distributor

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

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**Residential**

Service Charge	\$	14.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0143
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0029
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0066)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0018
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
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 Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	19.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0016
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0038)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0017
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection 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

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General Service 50 to 999 kW

Service Charge	\$	205.49
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7632
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.2108
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(0.4889)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.6116
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5967
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5513
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 2,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	2,376.33
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1075
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.3747
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(0.8691)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.6577
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7342
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6682
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 3,000 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	1,399.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5890
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.0884
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(0.2051)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.7019
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8284
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7803
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Large Use

Service Charge	\$	9,704.76
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0444
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.0130
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(0.0303)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.0632
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9225
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8923
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

Service Charge	\$	2.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0134
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0016
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0038)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0017
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kWh	0.0035
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/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)	\$	5.08
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.6337
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	2.9393
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(6.8155)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.4723
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2331
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1980
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)	\$	3.70
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.0808
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	2.3342
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(5.4132)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.4723
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2331
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1980
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

Service Charge	\$	2,211.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6654
Deferred Revenue Recovery Rate Rider from EB-2007-0016 Decision – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.1546
Revenue Sufficiency Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	(0.3585)
Low Voltage Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kW	0.8674
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3200
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2000
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
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Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (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
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
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	\$	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

Retail Service Charges (if applicable)

Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.30)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Request for customer information as outlined in Section 10.6.3 and Chapter 11 of the Retail Settlement Code directly to retailers and customers, if not delivered electronically through the Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system, applied to the requesting party		
Up to twice a year		no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00

LOSS FACTORS

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0427
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0322
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045