



**EB-2007-0755**

**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 Chapleau  
Public Utilities Corporation pursuant to section 78 of the  
*Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval to  
amend electricity distribution rates.

**BEFORE:** Gordon Kaiser  
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin  
Member

### **RATE ORDER**

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (“Chapleau PUC” or “the Company”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On November 22, 2007 Chapleau 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, 2008.

The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0755 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on December 17, 2007. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) requested and was granted intervenor status.

The Board’s decision regarding the Application was issued June 2, 2008 (the “Decision”). In the Decision, the Board ordered Chapleau PUC to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board’s findings. The Board indicated that it expected Chapleau PUC to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant calculations showing the

impact of the Decision on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the classes and the determination of the final rates.

Chapleau PUC filed a Draft Rate Order on June 11, 2008. The intervenor in this proceeding, VECC, had the opportunity to file comments within 6 days from the date of the filing of the Draft Rate Order. The Board received a letter from VECC indicating that it had two comments on the Draft Rate Order:

- that all monthly service charges were held constant from the previous rate order when the decision had specified that monthly service charges were to be kept constant in only the Residential and General Service classes.
- that adjustments were made to the Unmetered Scattered Load rates that were not part of the original application or addressed in the Board's Decision.

Board staff submitted comments on the Draft Rate Order and asked for further information on the Working Capital Allowance, Cost of Capital, Rate Design and Revenue to Cost Ratios.

Chapleau PUC provided a response to the comments made by VECC and Board staff on July 3, 2008.

The Board has reviewed the information provided and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

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 July 17, 2008, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 17, 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 Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation and is final, with the exception of the Deferral Account Rate Riders which are interim.
  
3. Chapleau PUC shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, July 17, 2008

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"  
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision  
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Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation

July 17, 2008

# Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective July 17, 2008

**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 – July 17, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – July 17, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – July 17, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – July 17, 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**

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively by a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning.

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

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

##### **General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand 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 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, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load.

##### **Sentinel Lighting**

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

##### **Street Lighting**

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, 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	\$	19.92
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0120
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012
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	\$	31.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0136
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0031)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
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	\$	152.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.5441
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kW	(1.1903)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5137
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4202
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)	\$	20.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0136
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
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)	\$	4.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.0857
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kW	(0.9209)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1474
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3317
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)	\$	1.50
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.3354
Deferral Account Rate Rider on an interim basis	\$/kW	(1.1014)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1416
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3249
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		
Arrears certificate	\$	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
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
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
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)

#### 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	1.0654
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0506