



EB-2007-0881

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 Chatham-Kent
Hydro Inc. pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario Energy
Board Act seeking approval to amend electricity distribution
rates.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

RATE ORDER

Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc. ("Chatham-Kent") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Chatham-Kent 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.

On March 17, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding Chatham-Kent's application.

The Board directed that Chatham-Kent file with the Board a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's Decision, within 7 days of the date of the Decision.

Chatham-Kent has provided the Board with a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

Union Gas Limited, the only intervenor in this proceeding, had the opportunity to file comments on the attached Tariff of Rates and Charges within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the Decision. No comments were received.

The Board has reviewed the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and has adjusted the Service Charge of the rate classes with metered customers by adding the approved permanent smart meter rate adder (\$1.33 per metered customer per month) and the continuation of the existing smart meter rate adder (\$1.09 per metered customer per month).

Chatham-Kent's Standby Power rate was approved on an interim basis by the Board in its 2007 distribution rates order. The Board is still examining the issues related to standby rates, and is not in a position to make a final order for this rate at this time. The Standby Charge has been adjusted by the price cap index but remains interim.

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, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 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 Board for Chatham-Kent and is final in all respects, except for the Standby Power rate which is approved as interim.
3. Chatham-Kent shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, April 16, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision
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Chatham-Kent Hydro Inc.

April 16, 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 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, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – May 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.

RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – May 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.

LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – May 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

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less and includes:

- 1) All services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes,
- 2) All multi-unit residential establishments such as apartments of 6 or less units.
- 3) If a service supplies a combination of residential and commercial load and wiring does not permit separate metering, the classification of this customer will be determined individually by the distributor.

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 and includes multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk-metered).

General Service 50 to 4,999 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 5,000 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 4,999 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW interval metered

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Time of use

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 or greater than 50 kW but less than 4,999 kW and received Time of Use pricing prior to rate unbundling and market opening.

Large Use

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes over the most recent 12 consecutive months is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater 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.

Standby Power

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation and requires the distributor to provide back-up 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 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	\$	14.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0139
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
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	\$	32.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0092
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
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	\$	160.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5682
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5921
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3797
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.6965
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5111
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 – Time of Use by Service Area

Blenheim

Service Charge	\$	2,804.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7452
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6965
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5111
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Chatham

Service Charge	\$	4,696.86
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.3570
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6965
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5111
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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Large Use

Service Charge	\$	12,918.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0289
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8705
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7301
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)	\$	3.29
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Standby Power – APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS

Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility).	\$/kW	1.3540
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Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.9888
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2093
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0877
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)	\$	0.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1045
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2006
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0658
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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Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	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	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
 Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Switching for company maintenance – Charge based on Time and Materials	\$	
 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	1.0470
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0369
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0365
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0266