



**EB-2007-0901**

**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 Espanola  
Regional Hydro Distribution 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 Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Bill Rupert  
Member

## **RATE ORDER**

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“Espanola”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Espanola 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-2007-0901 to the application.

The intervenors in this proceeding were the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

The Board issued an Interim Rate Order on April 24, 2008 declaring the existing approved rates interim as of May 1, 2008.

The Board issued its Decision on Espanola's application on June 3, 2008 and directed Espanola to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings. Espanola filed its Draft Rate Order on June 12, 2008. No party objected to the materials filed, including the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

The Board has reviewed 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 1, 2008, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 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 Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation and is final in all respects.
3. Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 27, 2008

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

June 27, 2008

# Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective July 1, 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 1, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – July 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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadplex 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 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 average peak demand is greater than, or is forecast to be 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 applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential or General Service customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and unmetered. Consumption is estimated based on the equipment rating and estimated hours of use.

##### **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	\$	10.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0146
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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 Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	18.43
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0170
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
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	\$	123.37
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0504
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.2386
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5476
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2446
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7577
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7447
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)	\$	8.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0130
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
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)	\$	0.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.6612
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.3766
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1731
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9823
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)	\$	0.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.6841
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.4499
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1672
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9622
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
Account history	\$	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 Charges for non payment of account - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
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 – 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

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**LOSS FACTORS**

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0543
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0443
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A