

EB-2007-0878

**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 Essex Powerlines Corporation 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**

Essex Powerlines Corporation ("Essex Powerlines") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Essex Powerlines 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 25, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding Essex Powerlines' application.

The Board directed that Essex Powerlines 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.

Essex Powerlines has provided the Board with a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

The Board is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the 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 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 Essex Powerlines and is final in all respects.
- 3. Essex Powerlines shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 18, 2008

# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# Appendix "A"

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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**Essex Powerlines Corporation** 

April 18, 2008

# **Essex Powerlines Corporation TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

Effective May 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 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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers.

### General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification refers 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 2,999 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 3,000 kW.

### General Service 3,000 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, 3,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

#### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification refers to an account 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 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	\$	11.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0149
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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	\$	12.83
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
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 2,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	342.41
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7365
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5778
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5343
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9438
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7004
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 kW to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	4,059.93
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.7901
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9438
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7004
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)	\$	8.88
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0308
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
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Sentinel Lighting		LD-2007-0070
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.72 4.5259 1.2148 1.1695 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Street Lighting		
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.38 3.3937 1.1978 1.1621 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Specific Service Charges		
Customer Administration Arrears Certificate Statement of account Duplicate invoices for previous billing Request for other billing information 15.00 Easement Letter	\$ \$ \$ \$	15.00 15.00 15.00
Income tax Letter Account history Returned Cheque (plus bank charges) Legal letter charge Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Special meter reads Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	***	15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 30.00 30.00 30.00
Non-Payment of Account Late Payment - per month Late Payment - per annum Collection of account charge – no disconnection Collection of account charge - no disconnection – after regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	% % \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	1.50 19.56 30.00 165.00 65.00 185.00 185.00 415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours Service call – customer owned equipment Service call – after regular hours Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	***	65.00 185.00 30.00 165.00 500.00 300.00 1000.00 22.35
Allowances Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)

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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	1.0544
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0439
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A