



**EB-2007-0872**

**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  
Festival 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**

Festival Hydro Inc. ("Festival") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Festival 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 19, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding Festival's application.

The Board directed that Festival 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.

Festival 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 Festival and is final in all respects.
3. Festival shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 21, 2008

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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Festival Hydro Inc.

April 21, 2008

# **Festival Hydro Inc.**

## **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**

A customer is classed as residential when all the following conditions are met:

- (a) the property is zoned strictly residential by the local municipality,
- (b) the account is created and maintained in the customer's name,
- (c) the building is used for dwelling purposes.

Exceptions may be made for properties zoned for farming use, under the following conditions:

- (a) the principal use of the service is for the residence,
- (b) the service size is 200 amperes or less, and the service is 120/240 volt single phase.

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

This classification refers to a non residential account whose peak demand is less than 50 kW in eight of the past twelve months and never reaches 100 kW in any month. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be estimated by Festival Hydro Inc. Customers who are classed as General Service but consider themselves to be residential must provide Festival Hydro Inc. with a copy of their tax assessment, which clearly demonstrates the zoning is for residential use only.

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

This classification refers to a non residential account whose peak demand is equal to or greater than 50 kW in eight of the past twelve months, or with a peak demand above 100 kW in any month, but less than 5,000 kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be estimated by Festival Hydro Inc.

##### **Large Use**

This classification refers to an account whose monthly peak demand is equal to or greater than 5,000 kW for twelve consecutive months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 5,000 kW.

##### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification applies to an account 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, pedestrian Cross-Walk signals/beacons, 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.

##### **Sentinel Lighting**

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

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### 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. If connected to the municipal or the Province of Ontario street lighting system, decorative lighting and tree lighting services will be treated as a Street Lighting class of service. Decorative or tree lighting connected to Festival Hydro Inc.'s distribution system will be treated as a General Service Less Than 50 kW class customers.

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

### Residential

Service Charge	\$	14.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0158
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

### Residential (Hensall)

Service Charge	\$	9.27
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0099
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040
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	\$	28.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
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	\$	209.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2550
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8099
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4252
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9222
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5624
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	\$	10,422.76
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.0905
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.1284
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7866
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)	\$	14.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
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)	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.1827
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3719
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1248
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)	\$	0.45
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0928
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3650
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1018
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
Income tax letter	\$	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
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 Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00

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Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1000.00
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	1.0281
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0178
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045