



EB-2007-0696

**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 Halton Hills  
Hydro Inc. pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario Energy  
Board Act seeking approval to amend electricity  
distribution rates.

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

Cynthia Chaplin  
Member

## **RATE ORDER**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. (“Halton Hills” or “the Company”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 15, 2007 Halton Hills 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-2007-0696 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 20, 2007. The School Energy Coalition (“SEC”), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) requested and were granted intervenor status.

The Board’s decision regarding the Application was issued March 27, 2008. In the Decision, the Board ordered Halton Hills to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board’s findings. The Board indicated that it expected Halton Hills 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.

Halton Hills filed a Draft Rate Order on April 10, 2008. The intervenors in this proceeding 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 no comments on the Draft Rate Order. Board staff issued comments on the Draft Rate Order and asked for further information on rate base, capital expenditures, working capital allowance, smart meters, the PILs calculation, Load Forecast, Cost of Capital and the determination of the final rate schedules.

Halton Hills provided the additional information requested on April 25, 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 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 Ontario Energy Board for Halton Hills Hydro Inc. and is final in all respects.
3. Halton Hills Hydro Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 8, 2008  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"  
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision  
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Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

May 8, 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 where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate 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. The customer will be supplied at one service entrance only.

##### **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.

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

This classification applies to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 50 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 50 kW, but less than 1,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformer.

##### **General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW**

This classification applies to a non-residential customers with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 1,000 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 1,000 kW, but less than 5,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the installed transformer.

##### **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, pedestrian X-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.

##### **Street Lighting**

All services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for the Municipality, the Region or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Street Lighting plant, facilities, or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements and Halton Hills Hydro specifications.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

##### Residential

Service Charge	\$	12.88
Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter– effective until April 30, 2009	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0003
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.00004
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
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

##### Residential (Time of Use)

Service Charge	\$	12.88
Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter– effective until April 30, 2009	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0003
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.00004
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0038
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 Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	28.13
Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter– effective until April 30, 2009	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0100
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0002
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
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 999 kW

Service Charge	\$	80.77
Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter– effective until April 30, 2009	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.0273
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0497
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4872
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4295
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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#### General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	185.71
Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter– effective until April 30, 2009	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.3255
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0522
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	1.4872
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.4295
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)	\$	12.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0095
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
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)	\$	1.88
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.4555
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0704
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0614
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0291
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)	\$	1.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.0395
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0625
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0561
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0081
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
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00

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Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	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
<b>Non-Payment of Account</b>		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
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
Interval Meter Charge	\$	20.00
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 (\$/pole/year)	\$	22.35
<b>Allowances</b>		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.50)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)
<b>Retail Service Charges (if applicable)</b>		
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)
<b>Service Transaction Requests (STR)</b>		
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
<b>LOSS FACTORS</b>		
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW		1.0499
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW		N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW		1.0395
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW		N/A