



EB-2007-0867

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
Middlesex Power Distribution 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

Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation (“Middlesex”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Middlesex 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 Middlesex’s application.

The Board directed that Middlesex 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.

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

The Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (“VECC”), 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. VECC alleged that a modeling error in calculating the impact of the federal tax change result in an under-recovery of less than \$500 by Middlesex under the submitted Tariff of Rates and Charges. Given the immateriality of the alleged error, VECC is satisfied that the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges submitted by Middlesex accurately reflects, in all material aspects, the Board’s Decision.

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 (\$1.23 per metered customer per month) and the continued smart meter rate adder (\$1.35 per metered customer per month).

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 Middlesex and is final in all respects.
3. Middlesex shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
4. VECC shall submit its cost claim within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the Decision. A copy of the cost claim must be filed with the Board and one copy is to be served on Middlesex. The cost claim must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

5. Middlesex may file with the Board and forward to VECC any objections to the claimed costs within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of VECC's costs claim submission.

6. VECC may file with the Board and forward to Middlesex any responses to any objections for costs claimed within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the filing of objections.

The Board will then issue its decision on cost awards. Service of cost claims, objections and reply submission on parties may be effected by courier, registered mail, facsimile or e-mail.

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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Middlesex Power Distribution Corporation

April 16, 2008

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TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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:

All services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes,

All multi-unit residential establishments such as apartments of 6 or less units.

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 5,000 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 5,000 kW interval metered

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.

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	\$	17.04
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0149
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
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	\$	21.69
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	48.23
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6185
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6523
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5218
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8343
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7133
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Large Use

Service Charge	\$	3,857.26
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.1922
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9431
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9078
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)	\$	9.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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

Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.1233
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2524
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2011
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)	\$	0.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.6906
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2459
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1765
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kW	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Easement 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
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
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	1.0608
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0501
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045