



EB-2007-0813

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 Niagara-on-the-Lake 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

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (“Niagara-on-the-Lake”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 18, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the “Decision”) regarding Niagara-on-the-Lake’s application.

The Board directed that Niagara-on-the-Lake 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.

Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake and is final in all respects.
3. Niagara-on-the-Lake 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"
The Tariff of Rates and Charges
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision
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Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

April 18, 2008

Niagara-on-the-Lake 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

This classification applies 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 applies 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 applies 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 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.

Street Lighting

This classification applies 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 by an approved OEB process.

Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to an account for unmetered private driveway and roadway lighting controlled by photo-cells. A 12 hour average operation is assumed.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Service Charge	\$	17.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0123
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0018
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	\$	40.11
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0120
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
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	\$	463.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4654
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8202
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6553
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9673
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5761
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 customer)	\$	39.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0120
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
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	\$	2.92
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.8909
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3797
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5172
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)	\$	1.10
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.3107
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3727
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5066
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
Account History	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque Charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to Certify Cheque	\$	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 at Meter – During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charges at Meter – After Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charges at Pole– During Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charges at Pole – After Regular Hours	\$	415.00
Service Call – Customer-owned Equipment – During Regular Hours	\$	30.00
Service Call – Customer-owned Equipment – After Regular Hours	\$	165.00
Install/Remove Load Control Device – During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove Load Control Device – After Regular Hours	\$	185.00
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	\$	1,000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Specific Charge for Bell Canada Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	18.36
Note: Specific Charge for Bell Canada Access to the Power Poles is valid only until the existing joint-use agreement is terminated.		
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)

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Retail Service Charges (if applicable)

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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	1.0501
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0161
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0396
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0060