

EB-2007-0866

**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 Falls 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 Falls Hydro Inc. ("Niagara Falls") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Niagara Falls 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 13, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding Niagara Falls' application.

The Board directed that Niagara Falls 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 Falls 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 Falls and is final in all respects.
- 3. Niagara Falls 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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Niagara Falls Hydro Inc.

April 18, 2008

# Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. Niagara Falls Hydro Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES Effective May 1, 2008

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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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 class pertains to customers residing in detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units, where energy is supplied single-phase, 3 wire, 60 hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts.

## General Service Less Than 50 kW

This class pertains to non-residential customers 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 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 5000 kW.

#### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power pack, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electricity demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load.

# Sentinel Lighting and Street Lighting

These classifications refer to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. Street lighting profile is derived through the use of a "virtual streetlight meter" that uses a street light control eye, consistent with the model type and product manufacturer of devices currently in service in the Applicant's distribution area, to stimulate the exact daily conditions that the typical street light is exposed to. This simulated street light load is captured using an interval metering device, and is processed as part of the distributor's daily interval meter interrogation, validation and processing procedures.

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| MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES  |  | B-2007-0866  |
| Residential  |  |  |
| Service Charge 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)                  | \$<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$ | 16.49<br>0.0138<br>0.0048<br>0.0044<br>0.0052<br>0.0010<br>0.25  |
| General Service Less Than 50 kW  |  |  |
| Service Charge 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)                  | \$<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$           | 48.30<br>0.0102<br>0.0044<br>0.0039<br>0.0052<br>0.0010<br>0.25  |
| General Service 50 to 4,999 kW   |  |  |
| Service Charge 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)                  | \$<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh         | 284.91<br>3.0608<br>1.7998<br>1.5628<br>0.0052<br>0.0010<br>0.25 |
| Unmetered Scattered Load   |  |  |
| 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) | \$<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$ | 24.03<br>0.0102<br>0.0044<br>0.0039<br>0.0052<br>0.0010<br>0.25  |
| Sentinel 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) | \$<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh          | 1.12<br>4.1487<br>1.3642<br>1.2335<br>0.0052<br>0.0010           |

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

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| Street Lighting  |   | LB 2007-0000   |
| 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)   | \$<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kW<br>\$/kWh<br>\$/kWh<br>\$ | 0.33<br>1.7192<br>1.3573<br>1.2082<br>0.0052<br>0.0010<br>0.25 |
| Specific Service Charges   |   |  |
| Customer Administration Legal Letter Charge Account Set up Charge/Change of Occupancy Charge (Plus Credit Agency Costs If Applicable) Returned Cheque (Plus Bank Charges)  | \$<br>\$<br>\$  | 15.00<br>30.00<br>20.00  |
| Non-Payment of Account  Late Payment - per month  Late Payment - per annum  Collection of Account Charge – No Disconnection  Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Meter – During Regular Hours  Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Meter – After Hours  Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Pole – During Regular Hours  Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Pole – During Regular Hours   | %<br>\$<br>\$<br>\$<br>\$                               | 1.50<br>19.56<br>30.00<br>65.00<br>185.00<br>185.00<br>415.00  |
| Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year  | \$  | 22.35  |
| Allowances  Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month  Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy  | \$/kW<br>%  | (0.60)<br>(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 Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer  Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer  Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer  Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer  | \$<br>\$/cust.<br>\$/cust.<br>\$/cust.                  | 0.30   |
| Service Transaction Requests (STR) Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party 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 | \$<br>\$  | 0.25<br>0.50   |
| Up to twice a year More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)   | \$  | no charge<br>2.00  |
| LOSS FACTORS   |   |  |
| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW  |   | 1.0572<br>1.0466   |