Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2007-0931

**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 PUC Distribution Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2008.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos Presiding Member

> Bill Rupert Member

## **RATE ORDER**

PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. PUC filed an application with the Ontario Energy 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-2007-0931 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on December 14, 2007. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") requested and was granted intervenor status.

The Board issued an interim rates order on April 17, 2008 declaring PUC's current rates interim, effective May 1, 2008, pending the issuance of final rates for 2008.

The Board issued its Decision on PUC's application on May 22, 2008. In the Decision, the Board ordered PUC to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings. The Board indicated that it expected PUC to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant calculations showing the impact of this Decision on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the customer classes and the determination of the final rates.

PUC filed its Draft Rate Order on June 2, 2008. VECC had the opportunity to file comments within 6 days from the date of the filing of the Draft Rate Order. The Board received comments from VECC on June 9, 2008 on PILs taxes, cost allocation, revenue requirement and rate design. The Board also received a submission from Board staff on June 11, 2008 indicating that PUC's Draft Rate Order did not provide the necessary justifications and explanations to adequately confirm that the resulting rates comply with the Board's decision in a number of areas.

PUC responded to VECC's comments and Board staff's submission by filing a revised Draft Rate Order on June 17, 2008.

The Board has reviewed the information provided in the revised Draft Rate Order 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 July 1, 2008, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 1, 2008.
- 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 PUC Inc. and is final in all respects.

3. PUC Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, June 27, 2008

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# Appendix "A"

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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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 – July 1, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date. SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date. RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date. LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – July 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 single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning.

#### General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification applies to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly 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 average monthly peak demand used for billing purposes over the past 12 months 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 peak 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 customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/ documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load.

#### Sentinel Lighting

This classification applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential or General Service customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and unmetered. Consumption is estimated based on the equipment rating and estimated hours of use.

#### 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 in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

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## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

### Residential

Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	9.65 0.0150 0.0006 0.0043 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service Less Than 50 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	16.40 0.0185 0.0003 0.0039 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	151.07 4.5237 0.0051 1.6039 2.0171 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Unmetered Scattered Load		
Service Charge (per customer) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	10.94 0.0269 0.0003 0.0039 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Sentinel Lighting		
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	1.93 17.9528 0.0105 1.2158 0.0052 0.0010 0.25

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## Street Lighting

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Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	1.56 10.1419 0.0018 1.2096 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Specific Service Charges		
Customer Administration Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Returned Cheque (plus bank charges) Legal letter Special meter reads Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	30.00 15.00 15.00 30.00 30.00
Non-Payment of Account Late Payment - per month Late Payment - per annum Collection of account charge – no disconnection Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours 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 Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole During Regular Hours	% % \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	1.50 19.56 30.00 165.00 65.00 185.00 185.00 415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours Service call – customer-owned equipment Service call – after regular hours Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer Removal of overhead lines – during regular hours Removal of overhead lines – after hours Roadway escort – after regular hours Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$65.00 Time & materials Time & materials S 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 %	(0.60) (1.00)

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## **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 retaile 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 Service Transaction Requests (STR)	\$ \$ \$/cust. \$/cust. \$/cust.	100.00 20.00 0.50 0.30 (0.30)
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	\$ \$	0.25 0.50
Up to twice a year More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	no charge 2.00
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW		1.0454 1.0350