



**EB-2007-0762**

**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 Rideau  
St. Lawrence 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:** Gordon Kaiser  
Vice Chair and Presiding Member

Cynthia Chaplin  
Member

### **RATE ORDER**

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("RSL") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. RSL 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-2007-0762 to the application.

The intervenors in this proceeding were the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC").

The Board issued its Decision on RSL's application on May 6, 2008 and ordered RSL to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings. RSL filed its Draft Rate Order on May 20, 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 comments from VECC on May 26, 2008 on LV costs and cost allocation.

RSL responded to VECC's comments by filing an updated Draft Rate Order on June 2, 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 June 13, 2008, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after June 13, 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 RSL Inc. and is final in all respects.
3. RSL Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 13, 2008.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"  
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision  
EB-2007-0762  
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

**The Tariff of Rates**  
June 13, 2008

# **Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.**

## **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

### **Effective June 13, 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 – June 13, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – June 13, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – June 13, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – June 13, 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.

##### **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 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.

##### **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	\$	10.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0133
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0027
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
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	\$	24.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0088
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0027
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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	\$	282.14
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.8564
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.09591
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7870
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6251
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9966
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8113
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)	\$	7.34
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0351
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0027
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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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#### Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.23
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.4558
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.09635
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3545
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2826
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)	\$	1.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.4359
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.0940
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3477
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2564
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 postdated 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
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (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
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	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
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

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Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – 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 and remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install and remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install and remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Allowances		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/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	1.0764
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0657
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A