



EB-2007-0855

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 Welland Hydro-
Electric System Corp. 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

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (“Welland”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Welland 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 Welland’s application.

The Board directed that Welland 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.

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

The Board has reviewed the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and revised the effective dates.

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 Welland and is final in all respects.
3. Welland shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, April 21, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision
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Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

April 21, 2008

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

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 refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached units, as defined in the local zoning by-law.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings.

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings 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. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings.

Large Use

This classification refers to an account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 5,000 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 is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Unmetered or flat connections are permitted with the approval of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Engineering Department. Flat rate connects may include, but are not limited to, Traffic Lights, Street Lights, Bus Shelters, and Signs. Energy consumption is determined by information provided by the customer and/or load measurement taken by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. following connection of the flat service.

Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting not classified as unmetered or street lighting. The consumption for the customer will be based on the calculated connected load times a twelve hour day times the applicable billing period.

Street Lighting

This classification refers to the Street Lighting system owned by the City of Welland. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. provides new installations and maintenance of the street lighting system, as required by the City of Welland.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Service Charge	\$	13.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0130
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047
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	\$	19.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
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 50 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	192.09
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.8047
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7011
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4490
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.6874
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7356
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	\$	10,646.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.7183
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2364
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9274
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)	\$	9.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
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
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Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.36
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.8231
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5844
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3496
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)	\$	0.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.7688
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5809
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3466
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
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (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
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
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install / Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Meter upgrade requested by customer plus installation – per month	\$	10.00 plus installation on a time and materials basis.
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	1.0599
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0493
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045