



**EB-2008-0250**

**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 Westario  
Power Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and  
reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of  
electricity to be effective May 1, 2009.

**BEFORE:** Cynthia Chaplin  
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville  
Member

## **RATE ORDER**

Westario Power Inc. (“Westario” or the “Company”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 22, 2008, Westario filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2009.

The Board assigned file number EB-2008-0250 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 22, 2008. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”), the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (“AMPCO”) were granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

The Board issued an Interim Rate Order on April 14, 2009 making Westario’s current rates interim, which allowed for an effective date as early as May 1, 2009.

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The Board's Decision regarding the Application was issued April 24, 2009. In the Decision, the Board ordered Westario to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings with an effective date of May 1, 2009. The implementation date of the Final Rate Order is June 1, 2009. The Board directed Westario to calculate rate riders that would recover one month of foregone revenue.

The Board indicated that it expected Westario to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant calculations showing the impact of the Decision on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the classes and the determination of the final rates. Supporting documentation was to include, but not be limited to, filling a completed version of the Revenue Requirement Work Form ("RRWF") excel spreadsheet. The Board further indicated that Westario should show detailed calculations of the revised low voltage rate adder, retail transmission service rates and variance account rate riders reflecting the Decision.

Westario filed a Draft Rate Order on May 7, 2009. The intervenors in this proceeding had the opportunity to file comments within 7 days from the date of the filing of the Draft Rate Order.

The Board received comments from VECC on May 13, 2009 and from Board staff on May 15, 2009. No comments were received from AMPCO or SEC.

On May 22, 2009 Westario responded with an updated Draft Rate Order and RRWF, which implemented the changes suggested by Board staff and certain changes suggested by VECC. Certain other changes suggested by VECC were not implemented as Westario determined those changes to be immaterial.

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.

**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, 2009, but implemented on June 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after June 1, 2009.

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

**DATED** at Toronto, May 29, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"  
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision  
EB-2008-0250  
Westario Power Inc.

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# **Westario Power Inc.**

## **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

### **Effective May 1, 2009**

### **Implementation June 1, 2009**

**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).

#### **IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

**DISTRIBUTION RATES** – June 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES** – June 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
**RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES** – June 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
**LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT** – June 1, 2009 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 customers residing in residential dwelling units taking energy at 600 volts or less, with energy generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60 Hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts.

##### **General Service Less than 50 kW**

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, taking energy at 600 volts or less, requiring a connection with a connected load of less than 50 kW, and including Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering, 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 refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, requiring a connection with a connected load greater than 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW, 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.

##### **General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Formerly Time of Use**

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, requiring a connection with a connected load greater than 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW on former time of use rates, 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 refers to an account taking electricity at 600 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. 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 refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light.

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**Street Lighting**

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photocells. 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.

**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES****Residential**

Service Charge	\$	12.23
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0153
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0002
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0016
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**General Service Less Than 50 kW**

Service Charge	\$	21.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0102
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0001
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0013
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

Service Charge	\$	238.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6152
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.0313
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.4322
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8030
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4072
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Formerly Time of Use**

Service Charge	\$	204.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5561
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.0148
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.4313
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9163
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5447
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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**Unmetered Scattered Load**

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	11.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0428
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0005
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0021
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**Sentinel Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	13.2721
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.1769
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.9463
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3687
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	1.1121
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**Street Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.84
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5371
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.2142
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	1.1359
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3578
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0861
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
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
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 cheques	\$	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

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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 disconnect – 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
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service installation and removal – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service installation and removal – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service installation and removal – overhead – with transformer	\$	1000.00
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	1.0788
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0680
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A