



**EB-2008-0221**

**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 **Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation** pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval to amend electricity distribution rates.

**BEFORE:** Cathy Spoel  
Presiding Member

Pamela Nowina  
Member and Vice-Chair

## **RATE ORDER**

Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation (“Bluewater“ or the “Company”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On September 9, 2008, Bluewater 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, 2009.

The Board assigned file number EB-2008-0221 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 24, 2008. The Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (AMPCO), the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME), the School Energy Coalition (SEC), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) were granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

On March 2, 2009, Bluewater filed a proposed Settlement Agreement with the Board (the “Agreement”) which represented a complete settlement of all of the issues by the parties.

The Board's decision and order regarding the Application was issued on March 6, 2009 (the "Decision and Order"). In the Decision and Order, the Board accepted the Agreement as filed by the parties and ordered that Bluewater file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Agreement. The Board indicated that it expected Bluewater to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant calculations showing the impact of the Agreement on Bluewater's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the classes and the determination of the final rates.

Bluewater filed a Draft Rate Order on April 3, 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 CME indicating that the Draft Rate Order is in accordance with the Agreement. CME further commented regarding the format of the customer impact information and specifically suggested that for future rate orders there should be a "Delivery Charge" subtotal along with a footnote explaining what line items are included in the subtotal. No comments were received from Board Staff, AMPCO, SEC, or VECC.

On April 15, 2009, Bluewater responded that the suggestion received from CME was reasonable and that it would consider these suggestions for future proceedings.

Bluewater also noted that the sub-total (Delivery) line of Appendix G on the Draft Rate Order had contained a minor error. The Smart Meter rider was shown as \$0.26 under each of the Current Bill and the 2009 Bill columns, but this amount was not included in the sub-total (Delivery) line. However, this amount was included in the Total Bill line. Subsequently, Bluewater made the necessary correction and filed a revised Appendix G on April 15, 2009. Bluewater stated that this error was not repeated in any other bill impact schedules.

The Board has reviewed the information provided and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Agreement.

For completeness, the Board has included in the Tariff of Rates and Charges, the charges pertaining to services provided to retailers or consumers with respect to 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, 2009, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2009.
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 Bluewater and is final.
3. Bluewater shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 27, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix “A”**

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision and Order

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Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation

May 1, 2009

# **Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.**

## **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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

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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, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES** - May 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
**RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES** - May 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
**LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT** - May 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 Customers**

All service supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes shall be classed as residential service. Where electricity service is provided for combined residential and business purposes (including agricultural usage) and the wiring does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be in the discretion of Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation ("Bluewater Power") and shall be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption or the municipal tax roll classification. A residential customer may be found in a detached, semi-detached, linear row housing, apartment building or mixed-use building. Where more than one dwelling is served by a single meter, that service shall be considered a General Service Customer.

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

This classification applies to a customer not designated as Residential, and that over a twelve month period has, or a new customer forecast to have, an average monthly peak demand less than 50 kW, and has a monthly peak demand that never exceeds 100 kW. Bluewater Power shall review this rate class designation on an annual basis and the customer's designated rate class may change as a result.

##### **General Service 50 to 999 kW**

This classification applies to a customer not designated as Residential, and that over a twelve month period has, or a new customer forecast to have, an average monthly peak demand equal to or greater than 50 kW and less than 1,000 kW. This rate class designation is reviewed on an annual basis and the customer's designated rate class may change as a result.

##### **General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW**

This classification applies to a customer not designated Residential, and that: over a twelve month period has, or a new customer forecast to have, an average monthly peak demand equal to or greater than 1,000 kW and less than 5,000 kW. This rate class designation is reviewed on an annual basis and the customer's designated rate class may change as a result.

##### **Large Use**

This classification applies to a customer not designated as Residential, and that over 12 consecutive billing periods has, or a new customer forecast to have, an average monthly peak demand equal to or greater than 5,000 kW. This rate class designation is reviewed on an annual basis and the customer's designated rate class may change as a result.

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#### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or a new customer 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 Bluewater Power 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.

## **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**

### **Residential**

Service Charge	\$	13.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0188
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0014)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
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	\$	25.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0179
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0017)
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	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

### **General Service 50 to 999 KW**

Service Charge	\$	140.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5913
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.7366)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9313
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7837
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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Service Charge	\$	3084.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.3428
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.9688)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0512
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9554
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Large Use

Service Charge	\$	24,998.95
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5857
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(1.4516)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2712
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2361
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Unmetered Scattered Load

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	12.58
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0344
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
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	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.81
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	12.0277
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.6011)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4639
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4077
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)	\$	1.37
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.6120
Regulatory Asset Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5189)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4565
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3790
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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#### Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	10.00
Returned Cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
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
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours	\$	185.00
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	1.0356
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0253
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045