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



EB-2008-0226

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 **COLLUS Power Corp.** 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

COLLUS Power Corp. ("COLLUS" or the "Company") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 6, 2008, COLLUS 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-2008-0226 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 2, 2008. The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Energy Probe, the School Energy Coalition (SEC), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) were granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

The Board's decision regarding the Application was issued April 17, 2009 (the "Decision and Order"). In the Decision and Order, the Board ordered COLLUS to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings. The Board indicated that it expected COLLUS to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant

calculations showing the impact of the Decision and Order on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the classes and the determination of the final rates.

COLLUS filed a Draft Rate Order on April 21, 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 the Board staff on April 27, 2009. No comments were received from AMPCO, Energy Probe, SEC, or VECC.

Board staff sought clarification in the areas of distribution revenue, 2009 tariff of rates and charges, draft 2009 bill impacts, and Tier 2 Adjustment deferral and variance accounts, and tariff of rates and charges.

Board staff noted that the adjustment for Distribution Revenue (at proposed rates) on Sheet 4 of Revenue Requirement Work Form shows a figure of \$49,103. Board staff submitted that it is unclear how this figure was calculated and asked COLLUS to provide the breakdown for this adjustment showing all necessary calculations. Board staff sought clarification on how the smart meter rider is reflected in this summary of monthly rates and charges. Board staff noted that the bill impact table for the street lighting customer class is missing and further requested COLLUS to provide all details for the calculation of monthly delivery charges as a note to the Revenue Requirement Work Form.

On April 29, 2009, COLLUS responded to Board staff's comments, provided the information requested and updated its draft rate order to reflect the changes.

On April 30, 2009, VECC filed a late submission relating to COLLUS' Draft Rate Order. VECC stated that COLLUS had not provided all the supporting calculations showing the allocation of revenue requirement to customer classes and the determination of the final rates and suggested that Board staff work with COLLUS so that these matters can be confirmed.

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

DATED at Toronto, May 1, 2009. ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix "A" To The Rate Order Arising from Decision EB-2008-0226 COLLUS Hydro Distribution Systems Limited

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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

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.

Large Use

This classification applies to an 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, 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.

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 (Based on 30 day month) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	10.92 0.0200 (0.0013) 0.0047 0.0031 0.0052 0.0013 0.25
General Service Less Than 50 kW		
Service Charge (Based on 30 Day Month) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	19.94 0.0130 (0.0007) 0.0043 0.0052 0.0013 0.25
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW		
Service Charge (Based on 30 Day Month) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	85.83 2.3935 (0.0477) 1.7399 1.0890 0.0052 0.0013 0.25
Large Use		
Service Charge (Based on 30 Day Month) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection 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	8,047.36 2.8402 (0.1069) 2.0461 1.3652 0.0052 0.0013 0.25
Unmetered Scattered Load		
Service Charge (per customer) Distribution Volumetric Rate Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0000 0.0189 (0.0007) 0.0043 0.0027 0.0052 0.0013 0.25

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Street Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.9237
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.9349
Deferral and Variance Account Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.2782)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3122
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8418
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		
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter Charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	15.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account	0/	4 50
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	20.00
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	40.00
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
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$ \$	22.35
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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)

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 charg
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00
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Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0397
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0643
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0340