



EB-2008-0238

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 Northern
Ontario Wires 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

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("NOW" or the "Company") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 20, 2008, NOW 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-2008-0238 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 17, 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 NOW'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 22, 2009. In the Decision, the Board ordered NOW to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings with an effective date of May 1, 2009. The Board indicated that it expected NOW 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 NOW should show detailed calculations of the revised low voltage rate adder, retail transmission service rates and variance account rate riders reflecting the decision.

NOW filed a Draft Rate Order on May 6, 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 8, 2009 and from Board staff on May 12, 2009. No comments were received from AMPCO or SEC.

On May 21, 2009 NOW responded with an updated Draft Rate Order and RRWF, which implemented the changes suggested by Board staff and VECC.

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.

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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 NOW and is final.

3. NOW shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, May 27, 2009
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision
EB-2008-0238
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

May 27, 2009

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 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).

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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately 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. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification refers to a non residential 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. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW

This classification refers to a non residential account 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. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

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. 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. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

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 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. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

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| Service Charge | \$ | 18.54 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0144 |
| Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0012) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0047 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0042 |
| 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

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| Service Charge | \$ | 24.51 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0138 |
| Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0013) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0043 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0038 |
| 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

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| Service Charge | \$ | 179.69 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 1.0111 |
| Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.5839) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.7452 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.5012 |
| 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

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| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 12.03 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0138 |
| Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0011) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0043 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0038 |
| 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

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| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 5.18 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 6.3564 |
| Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.2965) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.3163 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.1606 |
| 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

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| Customer Administration | | |
| Arrears Certificate | \$ | 15.00 |
| Returned Cheque charge (plus bank charges) | \$ | 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 |
| 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 at Meter - 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 |
| 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

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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

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| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0448 |
| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW | N/A |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0344 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW | N/A |