



EB-2008-0247

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. for an order approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for
the generation, transmission and/or distribution of
electricity to be effective May 1, 2009.

BEFORE: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

RATE ORDER

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (“Welland” or the “Company”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 15, 2008, Welland filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the generation, transmission and/or distribution of electricity, to be effective May 1, 2009.

The Board assigned file number EB-2008-0247 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 12, 2008. The Association of Major Power Consumers Ontario (“AMPCO”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”), Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) were granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

The Board’s decision regarding the application was issued July 7, 2009 (the “Decision and Order”). In the Decision and Order, the Board ordered that the

rates be developed assuming an effective date of May 1, 2009, but the Board would not implement new rates on May 1, 2009. The Board allowed Welland to recover the foregone distribution revenue for the period from May 1, 2009 to the implementation date for the new rates by means of a rate rider or rate riders. The Board ordered Welland to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings including detailed supporting material, 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.

Welland filed the required material on July 16, 2009, based on an implementation date of August 1, 2009. Welland filed a revised version of the required material on July 17, 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 Energy Probe on July 20, 2009 and from VECC on July 21, 2009. No comments were received from the Board staff, AMPCO or SEC. Energy Probe asked for clarification and necessary adjustments on Welland's Draft Rate Order and VECC sought clarification on the information provided by Welland.

On July 27, 2009, Welland responded to Energy Probe and VECC's comments and provided the requested changes and additional information.

The Board notes that Welland has developed its foregone distribution revenue rate riders to be in effect for nine months, until April 31, 2010. 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 August 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after August 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 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, July 31, 2009
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

July 31, 2009

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

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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 – August 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – August 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – August 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – August 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 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	\$	15.14
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	0.66
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0150
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0007
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
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	\$	24.78
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	1.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0006
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0011)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055
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 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	306.41
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	38.11
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2843
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.1599
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5433)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8926
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5280
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8773
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8303
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	\$	12,831.98
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	728.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.8658
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.0492
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.4493)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3756
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0325
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 connection)	\$	13.38
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	1.22
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0092
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0008
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0005)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055
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)	\$	1.92
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider-Service Charge-effective until April 30, 2010	\$	0.52
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.3998
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/KW	1.1922
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.6130)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7627
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4232
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
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider-Service Charge-effective until April 30, 2010	\$	0.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.8705
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/KW	1.7006
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5093)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7588
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4201
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
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

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Specific Service Charges-Continued

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		(0.70)
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW		(0.0333)
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 and 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	1.0532
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0427
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045