

EB-2008-0225

**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 Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. 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**

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. ("Centre Wellington" or the "Company") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 18, 2008, Centre Wellington 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-2008-0225 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 15, 2008. The Association of Major Power Consumers Ontario ("AMPCO"), School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") were granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

The Board's decision regarding the application was issued April 29, 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 Centre Wellington 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 Centre Wellington 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.

Centre Wellington filed the required material on May 12, 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 May14, 2009. No comments were received from the Board staff, AMPCO and SEC. VECC sought clarification on the information provided by Centre Wellington and requested a distribution revenue reconciliation.

On May 20, 2009, Centre Wellington responded to VECC's comments and provided the information requested.

The Board notes that Centre Wellington has developed its foregone distribution revenue rate riders, in effect until July 31, 2009, based on an implementation date for the new rates of July 1, 2009. 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 July 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 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 Centre Wellington and is final in all respects.
- 3. Centre Wellington 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-2008-0225

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.

May 29, 2009

## Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 1, 2009 Implementation July 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).

#### **IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

DISTRIBUTION RATES - July 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date. SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES - July 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date. RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date. LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – July 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 is for single dwelling units with separate metering, detached, semi-detached, triplex, etc.

#### 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 2,999 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 3,000 kW.

#### General Service 3,000 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, 3,000 kW but less 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.

#### **Sentinel Lighting**

This classification refers to an account that is an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light where consumption is based on connected load.

#### 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	\$	15.00
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until July 31, 2009	\$	3.44
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0135
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until July 31, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0036)
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Foregone Deferral Account Revenue Rate Rider – effective until July 31, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
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	\$	16.44
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until July 31, 2009	\$	4.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0167
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until July 31, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0020)
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0018)
Foregone Deferral Account Revenue Rate Rider – effective until July 31, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0036)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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 2,999 kW

\$	72.46
\$	60.46
\$/kW	3.4778
\$/kW	0.9948
\$/kW	(0.7631)
\$/kW	(1.5262)
\$/kW	1.9978
\$/kW	1.6289
\$/kWh	0.0052
\$/kWh	0.0013
\$	0.25
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EB-2008-0225 General Service 3.000 to 4.999 kW Service Charge 559.28 \$ Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider - Service Charge - effective until July 31, 2009 \$ 2.00 \$/kW 2.7166 Distribution Volumetric Rate Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider - Volumetric Rate - effective until July 31, 2009 \$/kW 2.0852 Deferral Account Rate Rider - effective until April 30, 2013 \$/kW (0.9708)Foregone Deferral Account Revenue Rate Rider - effective until July 31, 2009 \$/kW (1.9416)Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate \$/kW 2.2345 Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate \$/kW 1.9212 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 customer) \$ 16.65 Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider - Service Charge - effective until July 31, 2009 4.72 Distribution Volumetric Rate \$/kWh 0.0269 Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider - Volumetric Rate - effective until July 31, 2009 \$/kWh 0.0184 Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2013 (0.0018)\$/kWh Foregone Deferral Account Revenue Rate Rider - effective until July 31, 2009 \$/kWh (0.0036)Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate
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**Specific Service Charges Customer Administration** Arrears Certificate 15.00 15.00 Statement of Account Pulling Post-Dated Cheques 15.00 Duplicate Invoices for previous billig 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 15.00 Returned Cheque (Plus Bank Charges) 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 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 Disconnection - After Regular Hours 165.00 Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter - During Regular Hours 65.00 Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter - After Hours 185.00 Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Pole – During Regular Hours 185.00 Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole - After 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 Install & Remove - Overhead - No Transformer 500.00 Temporary Service Install & Remove – Underground – No Transformer Temporary Service Install & Remove – Overhead – With Transformer 300.00 1000.00 Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year 22.35 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)**

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 retaile Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer Service Transaction Requests (STR)	r \$ \$ \$/cust. \$/cust. \$/cust.	100.00 20.00 0.50 0.30 (0.30)
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 Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW		1.0449 N/A 1.0345 N/A