



EB-2008-0248

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 West
Coast Huron Energy 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: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Pamela Nowina
Member and Vice-Chair

RATE ORDER FOR INTERIM RATES

West Coast Huron Energy Inc. ("WCHE" or the "Applicant") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area, the Town of Goderich.

On September 11, 2008, WCHE 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-2008-0248 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated September 26, 2008.

The full record of this proceeding is available at the Board's offices.

The Board's Decision and Order regarding the Application was issued on June 17, 2009 (the "Decision and Order"). In the Decision and Order, the Board directed that the rates established in this proceeding would be declared interim in order to provide WCHE with the opportunity to submit additional evidence on Post Retirement Benefits before finalizing the 2009 rates. The Board indicated that it would establish a streamlined process to consider any new evidence on the amount to be included in rates for this specific area.

On June 29, 2009, WCHE filed a Draft Rate Order. Parties 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 which posed questions on Amortization, Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Revenue to Cost Ratios. No comments were received from AMPCO, SEC or Board staff.

WCHE responded to these concerns with additional documentation and a revised Draft Rate Order on July 29, 2009.

The Board has reviewed the information provided and the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Board's EB-2008-0248 Decision and Order.

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 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 West Cost Huron Energy Inc. and is interim pending the resolution of the Post Retirement Benefits issue as noted above.
3. WCHE 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 and Order

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West Cost Hydro Energy Inc.

July 31, 2009

West Coast Huron Energy Inc.

TARIFF OF INTERIM RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 1, 2009

Implementation August 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 – 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 Customers

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Buildings requiring a connection with a connected load less than 50 kW and, Town Houses and Condominiums described in section 3.1.8 of the distributor's Conditions of Service that require centralized bulk metering. General Service Buildings are defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single family dwellings. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service 50 to 499 kW

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load, whose average monthly maximum demand used, for billing purposes, is, or is forecast to be, equal to or greater than 50 kW but less than 500 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

General Service 500 to 4,999 kW

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load, whose average monthly maximum demand used, for billing purposes, is, or is forecast to be, equal to or greater than 500 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

Large Use

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load or 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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor'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, decorative street lighting, billboards, etc. The level of consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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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 connection load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Street Lighting plant, facilities or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the ESA requirements.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**Residential**

Service Charge	\$	14.09
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0179
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0024
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0049)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
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	\$	33.46
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0112
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0015
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0031)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
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 499 kW

Service Charge	\$	402.56
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7459
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.2652
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5661)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5693
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6359
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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General Service 500 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	3,278.11
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6523
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.3337
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.7349)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6668
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7934
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	\$	8,652.72
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.1196
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.0438
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.1518)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8457
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0508
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)	\$	33.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0291
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0032
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0065)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
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

Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.64
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.5184
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	1.5329
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(2.7124)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1896
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2911
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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Street Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.95
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.4932
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	1.3435
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(3.0948)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1836
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2911
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
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	15.00
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
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Allowances		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$	(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	1.0467
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0362
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045