

EB-2009-0263

**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 Festival Hydro Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle

**Presiding Member** 

### **RATE ORDER**

Festival Hydro Inc. ("Festival Hydro" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 28, 2009. The application was filed under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B) seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on April 1, 2010. In the Decision, the Board ordered the Applicant to file a draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings in the Decision. The Board approved an implementation date and an effective date of May 1, 2010.

The Applicant filed a draft Rate Order and supporting material on April 15, 2010. Board staff and one intervenor requested updated supporting documentation to the draft Rate Order. The Applicant filed the requested documentation on April 28, 2010.

In its reply, the Applicant agreed with Board staff's observation that the fixed to variable ratio noted in the draft Rate Order for four customer classes differs from the current ratio and is therefore not consistent with the Decision. However, since the fixed portions are

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slightly less than current, the Applicant recommended that the ratios in the draft Rate Order be accepted as presented. The Board accepts the proposal.

The Board has reviewed the information provided in support of the revised Rate Order and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges filed 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, 2010 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous Tariff of Rates and Charges approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the Festival Hydro Inc. service area, and is final in all respects.
- 3. Festival Hydro Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 30, 2010 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

TO RATE ORDER FESTIVAL HYDRO INC.

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**DATED** April 30, 2010

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### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

A customer is classed as residential when all the following conditions are met:

- (a) the property is zoned strictly residential by the local municipality,
- (b) the account is created and maintained in the customer's name,
- (c) the building is used for dwelling purposes. This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers in detached or semi-detached units, as defined in the local zoning by-law.

Exceptions may be made for properties zoned for farming use, under the following conditions:

- (a) the principal use of the service is for the residence,
- (b) the service size is 200 amperes or less, and the service is 120/240 volt single phase.

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

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$ \$	14.75 1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0163
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
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

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Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	11.21 1.00 0.0120 0.0002 (0.0010) 0.0057 0.0046
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.0052 0.0013 0.25

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose peak demand is less than 50 kW based on the process for and frequency for reclassification as outlined in the Amendments to the Distribution System Code, Board File No. EB-2007-0722. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be estimated by Festival Hydro Inc. Customers who are classed as General Service but consider themselves to be residential must provide Festival Hydro Inc. with a copy of their tax assessment, which clearly demonstrates the zoning is for residential use only. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge \$ 29.05	
Smart Meter Funding Adder \$ 1.00	
Distribution Volumetric Rate \$/kWh 0.0145	
Low Voltage Service Rate \$/kWh 0.0002	
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 \$/kWh (0.0010)	
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate \$/kWh 0.0050	
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

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## **GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to a non residential account whose peak demand is equal to or greater than 50 kW based on the process for and frequency of reclassification as outlined in Amendments to the Distribution System Code, Board File No. EB-2007-0722. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be estimated by Festival Hydro Inc. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	220.21
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2579
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0689
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.3508)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0748
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6314
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2036
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7884

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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### LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than 5,000 kW based on the process for and frequency of reclassification as outlined in the Amendments to the Distribution System Code, Board File No. EB-2007-0722. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$ \$	10,692.01 1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.9922
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0801
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.4507)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.4400
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.0451

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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\$/kWh

0.0013

0.25

### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, pedestrian Cross-Walk signals/beacons, railway crossings, 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 the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	12.60 0.0125 0.0002 (0.0008) 0.0050 0.0041
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	7.3991 0.0504 (0.3881) 1.5727 1.2876
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

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 CLASSIFICATION

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. If connected to the municipal or the Province of Ontario street lighting system, decorative lighting and tree lighting services will be treated as a Street Lighting class of service. Decorative or tree lighting connected to Festival Hydro Inc.'s distribution system will be treated as a General Service Less Than 50 kW class customers. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.77
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4865
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0494
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2751)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5648
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2612
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
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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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### microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Ontario Power Authority's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component - effective September 21, 2009

Service Charge \$ 5.25

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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)

### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### **APPLICATION**

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	Φ	15.00
1 11 5 /	\$ \$	30.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	Þ	
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 Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours	\$ \$ \$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular flours	φ	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	Φ	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$ \$ \$	30.00
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Service call – after regular hours	<b>\$</b>	165.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35

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## **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

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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	r <b>\$</b>	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

If the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0307
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0176
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0204
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5.000 kW	1.0075