Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2010-0073

**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 Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2011.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor Presiding Member

> Paula Conboy Member

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

### Introduction

Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation ("Chapleau PUC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") received on September 30, 2010, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Chapleau PUC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

Chapleau PUC is one of 80 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. In 2008, the Board announced the establishment of a new multi-year electricity distribution rate-setting plan, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("IRM") process, which would be used to adjust electricity distribution rates starting in 2009 for those distributors whose 2008 rates were rebased through a cost of service review. As part of the plan, Chapleau PUC is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates

adjusted for 2011 on the basis of the IRM process, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications.

To streamline the process for the approval of distribution rates and charges for distributors, the Board issued its *Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on July 14, 2008, its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008, and its *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on January 28, 2009 (together the "Reports"). Among other things, the Reports contained the relevant guidelines for 2011 rate adjustments for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On July 9, 2010 the Board issued an update to Chapter 3 of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the "Filing Requirements"), which outlines the Filing Requirements for IRM applications based on the policies in the Reports.

Notice of Chapleau PUC's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Chapleau PUC's service area advising interested parties where the rate application could be viewed and advising how they could intervene in the proceeding or comment on the application. No letters of comment or requests for interventions were received. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While the Board has considered the entire record in this proceeding, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates
- Smart Meter Funding Adder;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts;
- OEB Regulatory Audit Review; and
- Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs.

### Price Cap Index Adjustment

Chapleau PUC's rate application was filed on the basis of the Filing Requirements. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for Chapleau PUC, the Board has applied the policies described in the Filing Requirements and the Reports.

As outlined in the Reports, distribution rates under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 0.72% and Chapleau PUC's utility specific stretch factor of 0.6%. Based on the final 2010 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 1.3%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore -0.02%. The rate model reflects this price cap index adjustment. The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.

The price cap index adjustment will not apply to the following components of delivery rates:

- Rate Riders;
- Rate Adders;
- Low Voltage Service Charges;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Rural Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply service Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;
- Loss Factors;
- Specific Service Charges;
- MicroFIT Service Charge; and
- Retail Service Charges.

### **Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates**

In its Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors dated September 17, 2008, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of currently known legislated changes, as applied to the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates for a distributor, is appropriate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation IRM applications. This was based on a decision of the Board in a proceeding in relation to natural gas distributors' (EB-2007-0606/615) incentive regulation applications in which tax as a Z-factor was being considered. In this decision, the Board found that a 50/50 sharing is appropriate because it recognizes that tax changes already flow to some extent through the inflation factor, though the precise timing and quantum of the tax reduction during a current IRM period is not known.

The calculated annual tax reduction over the plan term will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the Board-approved base-year distribution revenue. These amounts will be refunded to customers each year of the plan term, over a 12-month period, through a volumetric rate rider derived using annualized consumption by customer class underlying the Board-approved base rates.

In 2011, the maximum income tax rate is 28.25%, the minimum rate for those distributors eligible for both the federal and Ontario small business deduction is 15.50%, and the blended tax rate varies for certain distributors that are only eligible for the Ontario small business deduction. The model provided to distributors calculates the amount of change caused by the tax rate reductions and adjusts distribution rates by 50% of the total change from those taxes included in the most recent cost of service base distribution rates.

The Board notes that in its 2008 cost of service proceeding (EB-2007-0755), Chapleau PUC indicated that it had \$728,423 of non-capital losses that it can carry forward until 2012, at which time the losses will expire. At the time, both Board Staff and VECC noted that Chapleau PUC will not be subject to payments in lieu of taxes in the near future due to the past corporate losses and that Chapleau PUC is not subject to capital tax due to its size. The Board accepted Chapleau PUC's evidence and its proposal that no taxes be included in 2008 rates. As a result, the Board finds that there are no rate making implications for Chapleau PUC resulting from the tax changes described above.

### Smart Meter Funding Adder

On October 22, 2008 the Board issued the *Guideline for Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery* which sets out the Board's filing requirements in relation to the funding and recovery of costs associated with smart meter activities conducted by electricity distributors.

Chapleau PUC indicated that the smart meter funding adder ("SMFA") model calculated a SMFA of \$9.04 per metered customer per month. Chapleau PUC stated that this increase from its existing SMFA of \$1.00 per metered customer per month was not acceptable to its Board of Directors and Senior Staff. Chapleau PUC requested to increase its SMFA to \$3.50 per metered customer per month.

In its submission, Board staff noted that the total bill impact attributable to this proposed change alone (keeping all other proposals in the 2011 IRM3 Rate Generator Model as filed) is 2.5% for the residential class. Board staff suggested that while the Board has previously approved smart meter funding adders as high as \$3.50 per metered customer per month for other distributors, the Board may wish to consider whether an impact greater than 2% is appropriate given that the funding adder is only a temporary funding tool intended to bridge the gap leading up to the next rebasing application or standalone application involving a prudence review of incurred costs for installed smart meters. Board staff noted, as an alternative, that a \$3.00 per metered customer per month adder would lead to a bill impact of 2% for the residential class. Board staff however noted that the proposed \$3.50 per metered customer per month is already a significant reduction from the number calculated by Chapleau PUC using the SMFA model.

In its reply submission, Chapleau PUC was in agreement with Board staff's submission with respect to the SMFA.

The Board notes that the SMFA is a tool designed to provide advance funding and to mitigate the anticipated rate impact of smart meter costs when recovery of those costs is approved by the Board (G-2008-0002). The Board also observes that the SMFA was not intended to be compensatory (return on and of capital) on a cumulative basis over the term the SMFA was in effect. The SMFA was initially designed to fund future investment, not fully fund prior capital investment. In the Board's view, the funding of prior capital investment would increase the risk, absent a prudence review, of over recovery. The Board is not saying that prudently incurred costs are not recoverable; it is stating that a determination of full recovery will be made as part of an application for a prudence review. The Board is also concerned about the rate impact associated with the level of the proposed increase in the SMFA. Since the deployment of smart meters on a province-wide basis is now nearing completion, and for the reasons noted earlier, the Board expects distributors to file for a final prudence review at the earliest possible opportunity following the availability of audited costs. For those distributors that are

scheduled to file a cost-of-service application for 2012 distribution rates, the Board expects that they will apply for the disposition of smart meter costs and subsequent inclusion in rate base. For those distributors that are scheduled to remain on IRM, the Board expects these distributors to file an application with the Board seeking final approval for smart meter related costs. In the interim, the Board will approve a SMFA of \$2.50 per metered customer per month from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. This new SMFA will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges, and will cease on April 30, 2012. Chapleau PUC's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, shall be continued.

The Board has not made any finding on the prudence of the proposed smart meter activities, including any costs for smart meters or advanced metering infrastructure whose functionality exceeds the minimum functionality adopted in O. Reg. 425/06, or costs associated with functions for which the Smart Metering Entity has the exclusive authority to carry out pursuant to O. Reg. 393/07. Such costs will be considered at the time that Chapleau PUC applies for the recovery of these costs on a final basis, if applicable.

### **Retail Transmission Service Rates**

Electricity distributors are charged the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTRs") at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs"). Variance accounts are used to capture timing differences and differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service compared to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its customers (i.e., variance accounts 1584 and 1586).

On July 8, 2010 the Board issued revision 2.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the "RTSR Guideline"). The RTSR Guideline outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2011. The RTSR Guideline requires electricity distributors to adjust their RTSRs based on a comparison of historical transmission costs adjusted for the new UTR levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. The objective of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in accounts 1584 and 1586. In order to assist electricity distributors in the calculation of the distributor's specific RTSRs, Board staff provided a filing module. On January 18, 2011, the Board

issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2010-0002) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2011. The new UTRs are shown in the following table:

Table 1 – Uniform Transmission Rates	kW Monthly Rates		Change
	Jan 1, 2010	Jan 1, 2011	
Network Service Rate	\$2.97	\$3.22	+8.4%
Connection Service Rates			
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.73	\$0.79	
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.71	\$1.77	
			+4.9%

The Board has adjusted each distributor's rate application model to incorporate these changes.

Based on the filing module provided by Board staff and the new UTRs effective January 1, 2011 noted in the table above, the Board approves the changes to the RTSRs calculated in the filing module.

## **Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts**

The *Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Report* (the "EDDVAR Report") provides that, during the IRM plan term, the distributor's Group 1 account balances will be reviewed and disposed if the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh (debit or credit) is exceeded. The onus is on the distributor to justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed.

## (i) Balances

Chapleau PUC requested that the Board review and approve the disposition of the December 31, 2009 Group 1 account balances as defined by the EDDVAR Report. The original combined total of Group 1 account balances was a credit of \$15,424 (credit balances are amounts payable to customers. Chapleau PUC included interest on these account balances using the Board's prescribed interest rates to April 30, 2011.

In response to Board staff interrogatory #6, Chapleau PUC revised its Group 1 account balances. As a result of the revision, the Group 1 account balances are consistent with

the Chapleau PUC's Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements ("RRR") data. The revised account balances as at December 31, 2009, including interest to April 30, 2011 are shown below (\$'s).

Account Description Account Number Principal Amounts Interest Amounts Total Claim Α R C = A + BI V Variance Account 1550 (3, 567)1.290 (2,277)RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge 1580 (11,658)(933) (12, 591)RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge 1584 6,467 122 6,589 (2,706) RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge 1586 151 (2,555)RSVA - Power (Excluding Global Adjustment) (304) 1588 (71, 912)(72, 216)RSVA - Power (Global Adjustment Sub-account) 1588 47,072 1,324 48,396 (33,447) (1,208)(34,655)

Table 2 – Revised Deferral and Variance Account Balances – December 31, 2009

In its submission, Board staff referred to Chapleau PUC's original Group 1 credit account balance of \$15,424.

In its reply submission, Chapleau PUC noted that the correct amount sought for disposition is a credit of \$34,655. Chapleau PUC submitted that this revised amount for disposition results in a total claim of (\$0.001209) per kWh which exceeds the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh.

The Board approves the revised Group1 account balances as presented by Chapleau PUC. The December 31, 2009 balances and projected interest up to April 30, 2011 are considered final. For accounting purposes, the respective balance in each of the Group 1 accounts shall be transferred to the applicable sub-accounts in account 1595 established by the Board pursuant to the December 23, 2010 Frequently Asked Questions document accompanying the Accounting Procedures Handbook for disposition of balances in 2010, as soon as possible but no later than June 30, 2011 so that the RRR data reported in the second quarter of 2011 reflect these adjustments.

### (ii) Disposition

The EDDVAR Report includes guidelines on the cost allocation methodology and the rate rider derivation for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances. The Board notes that Chapleau PUC followed the guidelines outlined in the EDDVAR Report.

Chapleau PUC requested the disposition of its Group 1 account balance over a one

year period. Board staff agreed with Chapleau PUC's proposal on the basis that this would be in accordance with the EDDVAR Report. The Board accepts the disposition period of one year proposed by Chapleau PUC.

### (iii) Global Adjustment Sub-Account Balance

Chapleau PUC requested to dispose of the December 31, 2009 global adjustment subaccount balance by means of a rate rider that would prospectively apply to non-RPP customers.

In response to Board staff interrogatory #7a, Chapleau PUC confirmed that minor programming changes to Chapleau PUC's billing system will be made before May 1, 2011 that will accommodate a separate rate rider that would apply prospectively to non-RPP customers to dispose of the global adjustment sub-account balance.

Board staff submitted that in Chapleau PUC's EB-2009-0219 proceeding, the Board agreed in principle with Board staff that a separate rate rider should apply to non-RPP customers to dispose of the global adjustment sub-account balance. However, the Board noted that Chapleau PUC's billing system was not capable of implementing such a change, and as a result, the Board approved the disposition of the allocated global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in the affected rate class. The Board further directed Chapleau PUC to investigate and report to the Board, in a proceeding no later than its next rebasing application, Chapleau PUC's projection of the costs that it would incur to accommodate a separate rate rider that would apply to non-RPP customers. Therefore, Board staff submitted that Chapleau PUC's proposal should be approved by the Board.

The Board approves Chapleau PUC's proposal to dispose of the December 31, 2009 global adjustment sub-account balance by means of a rate rider included in the delivery component of the bill that will apply prospectively to non-RPP customers.

### Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs

In this application, Chapleau PUC requested the recovery of a one time expense of \$5,314 related to the late payment penalty ("LPP") costs and damages resulting from a court settlement that addressed litigation against many of the former municipal electricity utilities in Ontario.

On October 29, 2010 the Board commenced a generic proceeding on its own motion to determine whether Affected Electricity Distributors<sup>1</sup>, including Chapleau PUC, should be allowed to recover from their ratepayers the costs and damages incurred as a result of the Minutes of Settlement approved on April 21, 2010 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Cumming of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Court File No. 94-CQ-r0878) and as amended by addenda dated July 7, 2010 and July 8, 2010 in the late payment penalty class action and if so, the form and timing of such recovery. This proceeding was assigned file No. EB-2010-0295.

On February 22, 2011, the Board issued its Decision and Order and determined that it is appropriate for the Affected Electricity Distributors to be eligible to recover the costs and damages associated with the LPP class action in rates. The decision set out a listing of each Affected Electricity Distributor and their share of the class action costs that is approved for recovery. The Board also directed Affected Electricity Distributors such as Chapleau PUC to file with the Board detailed calculations including supporting documentation, outlining the derivation of the rate riders based on the methodology outlined in the EB-2010-0295 Decision and Order. The Board noted that the rate riders submitted would be verified in each Affected Electricity Distributor's IRM or cost of service application, as applicable. Chapleau PUC elected to recover the amount approved in the EB-2010-0295 proceeding and accordingly filed the associated rate riders.

The Board has reviewed Chapleau's proposed rate riders and approves them as filed.

### Rate Model

With this Decision, the Board is providing Chapleau PUC with a rate model (spreadsheet) and applicable supporting models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) that reflects the elements of this Decision. The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2010 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As defined in the Board's Decision and Order EB-2010-0295

### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Chapleau PUC's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2011.
- Chapleau PUC shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix
   A. Chapleau PUC shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the
   completeness and accuracy of the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges, or provide a
   detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within seven (7)
   calendar days of the date of this Decision and Order.
- 3. If the Board does not receive a submission from Chapleau PUC to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this order will become final, effective May 1, 2011, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2011. Chapleau PUC shall notify its customer of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 4. If the Board receives a submission from Chapleau PUC to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the Board will consider the submission of Chapleau PUC and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- 5. Chapleau PUC shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0073**, be made through the Board's web portal at, <u>www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

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Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A To Decision and Order Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2010-0073 DATED: April 7, 2011

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# Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2011

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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## **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively by a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order 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 or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges or assessments that are required by law to be charged by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, charges for Ministry of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Provincial Benefit and any applicable taxes.

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

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012 Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$ \$/kWh	18.46 2.50 0.26 0.0102
Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only to Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	(0.0029) 0.0057 0.0015

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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# Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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## GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

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

Service Charge	\$	30.00
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.50
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0122
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only to Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0170
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014

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 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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

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

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$ \$ \$	188.72 2.50 3.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW \$/kW	2.6064 0.4424
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	Ψ/ΚΥΥ	0.4424
Applicable only to Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	6.6959
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(1.1418)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0860
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5269

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# UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order 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 or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges or assessments that are required by law to be charged by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, charges for Ministry of Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Provincial Benefit and any applicable taxes.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	20.13
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0125
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051 <sup>′</sup>
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014

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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# SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	4.41
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.7270
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3492
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(1.2226)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5813
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4159

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# STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.10
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.4120
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3420
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(1.1018)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5733
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4074

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.

#### APPLICATION

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

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 Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs) Returned Cheque (plus bank charges) Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Special meter reads Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	15.00 15.00 15.00 30.00 30.00 30.00
Non-Payment of Account Late Payment - per month Late Payment - per annum Collection of account charge – no disconnection Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	% % \$	1.50 19.56 30.00 65.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$ \$	65.00 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 retailer Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$ \$	100.00 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	1.0654
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0506