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



EB-2010-0097

**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 London Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2011.

By Delegation, before: Adrian Pye

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

### Introduction

London Hydro Inc. ("London Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 29, 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 London Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

London Hydro 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, London Hydro 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 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 contain 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 London Hydro's rate application was given through newspaper publication in London Hydro'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. Two letters of comment were received.

The Board received one intervention request from Ms. Susan Smith, a ratepayer of London Hydro on January 6, 2011. In her request, Ms. Smith objected to a written hearing and requested an oral hearing.

On January 12, 2011, London Hydro filed an objection to Ms. Smith's request submitting that the intervenor did not fulfill the Board's requirements for intervenor status as specified by the Board in Section 23 of the *Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure*. London Hydro argued that, because Ms. Smith is acting on her own behalf, her request did not meet the Board's requirement under Section 23.02 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* of having a "substantial interest" in this matter. London Hydro further noted that the letter did not provide a concise statement of the nature and scope of the intervenor's intended participation as required under Section 23.03 (b) of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

On January 21, 2011, the Board responded to Ms. Smith's letter and found that Ms. Smith did have a substantial interest in this matter as she is a ratepayer of London Hydro. The Board granted Ms. Smith intervention status. The Board determined that Ms. Smith would be eligible to apply for an award of costs under its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to London Hydro's application. In its letter, the Board stated that if Ms. Smith intended to submit any interrogatories, these were to be filed by January 31, 2011.

No interrogatories were submitted by Ms. Smith, nor was any further correspondence received from her pertaining to this matter.

Board staff participated in the proceeding. This application proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While I have considered the entire record in this proceeding, this Decision and Order makes reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to my 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; and
- Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs.

### Price Cap Index Adjustment

London Hydro's rate application was filed on the basis of the Filing Requirements. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for London Hydro, I have 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 London Hydro's utility specific stretch factor of 0.4%. 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 0.18%. 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 Charges; 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.

I find that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of changes from the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates to the currently known legislated tax level for 2011 is appropriate and shall be effected by means of a rate rider over a one-year period.

### **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.

London Hydro originally requested approval to change its smart meter funding adder ("SMFA") from \$1.00 to \$2.78 per metered customer per month.

In response to interrogatory #7 from Board staff, London Hydro submitted a revised smart meter model with corrections made to account for Net Income and Amortization expense in the determination of PILs for 2010. London Hydro revised the calculations of the proposed SMFA to \$3.50 per metered customer per month.

In its submission, Board staff noted that after reviewing the revised smart meter model submitted by London Hydro, certain corrections were made to the model to correct for data input errors and computational inaccuracies. Board staff noted that London Hydro was using the wrong Federal and Provincial corporate income tax rate of 30.5% for 2011. Board staff noted that London Hydro's correction of the error for 2011 in response to Board staff interrogatory #7 also applies to the years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Board staff submitted that the correct revised SMFA for the 2011 rate year is \$1.46 per metered customer per month.

In its reply submission, London Hydro indicated that the rate rider of \$1.46 per metered customer per month is inadequate and is not sufficient to achieve the intended outcome or purpose of the process. London Hydro submitted that the intention of the model is not to recover a specific revenue requirement. London Hydro argued that the model calculates an inadequate amount based on the averaging of Net Fixed Assets at the beginning and end of each year. London Hydro has requested an alternative of \$2.64

per metered customer per month based on a comparison of what certain utilities have sought or been approved for in 2011 EDR applications. London Hydro's reply submission included an analysis that calculated an average proposed or approved SMFA of \$2.61 for a select group of distributors, and London Hydro proposed an amount close to this average.

In its reply submission, London Hydro requested a revised SMFA of \$2.64 per month per metered customer. London Hydro argued that the \$2.64 per metered customer per month was appropriate as it would be lower than or comparable to most funding adder amounts approved by the Board or proposed by Board staff to date, and would result in a total bill impact of less than 2% for residential customers.

I note that London Hydro's analysis relies on evidence in other cases which has subsequently been revised. For example, London Hydro includes Guelph Hydro Electric System Inc.'s ("Guelph Hydro's") proposed SMFA of \$3.32 as applied for in its 2011 IRM application (EB-2010-0130). On March 2, 2011, Guelph Hydro filed a letter revising its proposed SMFA to \$1.17 per month per metered customer, reflecting corrections to the Smart Meter model similar to that that Board staff had suggested for London Hydro. The Board approved Guelph Hydro's revised SMFA of \$1.17 in its Decision and Order issued March 14, 2011 and corrected March 17, 2011.

London Hydro also included Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. ("Lakeland") in its analysis. Lakeland had proposed an SMFA of \$3.50 in its 2011 application (EB-2010-0096). In its Decision and Order issued on March 17, 2011, the Board approved a SMFA of \$2.50 per month per metered customer.

I accept the argument contained in the Board staff submission and will approve a SMFA for London Hydro of \$1.46 per metered customer per month from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. The new SMFA of \$1.46 will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges, and will cease on April 30, 2012. London Hydro's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, shall be continued.

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. Also, the SMFA was not intended to be compensatory (return on and of capital) on a cumulative basis over the term the SMFA is in effect. The SMFA was initially designed to fund future investment, not fully fund prior capital investment. Such

treatment increases the risk, absent a prudence review, of over recovery. 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.

I have 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 London Hydro 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:

Uniform Transmission Rates	kW Mont	kW Monthly Rates	
	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%

Each distributor's rate application model has been adjusted 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, I approve 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.

London Hydro's Group 1 account balances did not exceed the preset disposition threshold referenced above. I therefore find that no disposition is required at this time.

### Late Payment Penalty Litigation

In this application, London Hydro requested the recovery of a one time expense of \$457,241.98 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 London Hydro, 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 London Hydro 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. London Hydro elected to recover the amount approved in the EB-2010-0295 proceeding and accordingly filed the associated rate riders.

I have reviewed London Hydro's proposed rate riders and approve them as filed.

### Rate Model

With this Decision London Hydro is being provided 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 entries in the rate model have been reviewed 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. London Hydro's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2011.
- London Hydro shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix

   London Hydro 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 receives a submission from London Hydro confirming the completeness and accuracy 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, except for the stand by rates which remain interim, effective May 1, 2011, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2011. London Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 4. If the Board receives a submission from London Hydro 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 London Hydro and may issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- 5. London Hydro 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-2010-0097**, 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 <u>boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. 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.

### DATED at Toronto, April 7, 2011

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Adrian Pye Manager, Licence Applications Appendix A To Decision and Order Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2010-0097 DATED: April 7, 2011

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### London Hydro Inc. 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 applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate metered living accommodation. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. Multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk meter) shall be classified as General Service. Where electricity service is provided to combined residential and business (including agricultural) usage and the wiring does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of London Hydro and should be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro'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**

Distribution Volumetric Rate \$/kWh 0.0142	Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
	Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062

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 LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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. Multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk meter) shall be classified as General Service. Where electricity service is provided to combined residential and business (including agricultural) usage and the wiring does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of London Hydro and should be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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

Service Charge	\$	29.32
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.46
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

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 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 5,000 kW. Note that for the determination of the billing demand and the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following subclassifications apply:

General Service 50 to 199 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW interval metered.

Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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

Service Charge	\$	290.16
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.46
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	3.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6081
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0259)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0364
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6301
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6114
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2715

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 1,000 to 4,999 kW (Co-Generation) SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

Embedded generation, co-generation or load displacement customers have the option to reserve demand capacity on the London Hydro distribution system for import load through mutual agreement/contract. For the embedded generation customers with a gross peak demand annual average of less than 1,000 kW and equal to or greater than 50 kW per month, the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW distribution rates will be applied, as long as there is no requirement for reserve capacity from the customer. For the embedded generation customers with a gross peak demand annual average of less than 50 kW per month, the General Service Less Than 50 kW distribution rates will be applied, as long as there is no requirement for reserve capacity from the reserve capacity from the customer. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge	\$	2,276.36
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.46
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	123.91
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.9713
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0510)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0146
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4028

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

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

Service Charge	\$	20,458.75
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.46
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	213.36
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2593
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0365)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6750
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2715

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.41
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

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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### STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS**

Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the		
contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility).	\$/kW	2.3733
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0208)

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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.0478
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1898)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7955
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4372

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. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.38
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.0482
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1353)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7931
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4354

Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0052 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 London Hydro's Conditions of Service.

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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

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Customer Administration Easement letter Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$ \$ \$	15.00 30.00 15.00
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 Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – After regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect at Pole – During regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect at Pole – During regular hours	% % \$ \$ \$ \$	1.50 19.56 10.00 35.00 185.00 185.00 415.00
Meter Interrogation Charge Special Meter Reads Install/Remove load control device – During regular hours Install/Remove load control device – After regular hours Temporary Service install & remove – overhead – no transformer Temporary Service install & remove – underground – no transformer Service Call – After regular hours Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$\$\$\$	5.50 30.00 65.00 185.00 500.00 300.00 165.00 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	1.0409
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0141
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0305
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0041