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



EB-2010-0118

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 Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. 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

REVISED RATE ORDER

Introduction

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland 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 Welland Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

On March 28, 2011, the Board issued its Decision and Order on the application. In its Decision, the Board ordered Welland Hydro to review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges and to file with the Board 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 calendar days of the date of the Decision.

On April 4, 2011, Welland Hydro filed a letter noting a transposition error in the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges with respect to the Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition ("Global Adjustment") rate rider. Welland Hydro noted that the monthly volumetric Global Adjustment rate rider for the Residential class should be \$0.0007/kWh rather than the \$0.0070 /kWh included on the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges

The Board accepts Welland Hydro's submission and has revised the Tariff of Rates and Charges.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

 The revised 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. Welland Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, April 11, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A

To Rate Order

Revised Tariff of Rates and Charges

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached or semidetached units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	14.24
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0143
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0007 (0.0010) (0.0003) 0.0066 0.0050

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	24.58
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.41
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0007 (0.0010) (0.0001) 0.0059 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 refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings 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. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	336.53
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	3.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.4118
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2624
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.3772)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0218)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0191
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5089
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.0028
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8074

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	\$	12,872.86
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	221.67
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.8686
 Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate 	\$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	0.2113 (0.3003) (0.0130) 1.4675 2.0070

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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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. Unmetered or flat connections are permitted with the approval of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Engineering Department. Flat rate connects may include, but are not limited to, Traffic Lights, Street Lights, Bus Shelters, and Signs. Energy consumption is determined by information provided by the customer and/or load measurement taken by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. following connection of the flat service. 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)	\$	13.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0092
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0072
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0011)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate\$/kWh0.0052Rural Rate Protection Charge\$/kWh0.0013Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)\$0.25

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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting not classified as unmetered or street lighting. The consumption for the customer will be based on the calculated connected load times a twelve hour day times the applicable billing period. 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)	\$	2.62
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.0054
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.3050
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.4349)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1081)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8805
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4054

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 refers to the Street Lighting system owned by the City of Welland. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. provides new installations and maintenance of the street lighting system, as required by the City of Welland. 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)	\$	2.49
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.7068
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2562
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.3721)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1886)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8764
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4023

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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Service Charge

\$ 5.25

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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.70)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration Arrears certificate Statement of account	\$ \$	15.00 15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$ \$	65.00
Install / Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year Meter upgrade requested by customer plus installation – per month	\$	22.35
plus installation on a time and material basis.	\$	10.00

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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	\$	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	1.0532
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0427
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045