

EB-2010-0078

**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 Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. 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

Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. ("Greater Sudbury"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 12, 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 Greater Sudbury charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

In its Decision and Order on the Application issued on April 7, 2011, the Board ordered Greater Sudbury to review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges and to 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 calendar days of the date of the Decision.

On April 8, 2011, Greater Sudbury filed a letter noting errors in the draft Tariff of Rates

and Charges with respect to the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate classes for Greater Sudbury and West Nipissing. Greater Sudbury noted that the rates for Greater Sudbury and West Nipissing have now been harmonized and therefore the rates should be identical. Greater Sudbury also noted that Board staff had identified that the harmonization calculation was generated incorrectly in the IRM model due to an excel spreadsheet anomaly, which has now been updated.

The Board also notes one other change to the wording relating to the rate rider concerning changes in Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates. It was identified as "Distribution Volumetric Tax Change" and has been revised to "Rate Rider for Tax Change" in order to be consistent with the wording in other distributors' Tariffs of Rates and Charges.

The Board accepts Greater Sudbury's submission on the rates for the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate class, and has revised the Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board notes that since there is no longer a difference in the rates for the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate classes for Greater Sudbury and West Nipissing there is no longer a need to reference the West Nipissing service area.

#### 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. Greater Sudbury shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 21, 2011

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

## **To Rate Order**

## **Revised Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**Board File No: EB-2010-0085** 

**DATED:** April 21, 2011

## 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

To qualify for residential rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electricity shall be intended for and used primarily for a residence in which one or more person(s) reside.
- The electrical service shall be individually metered, no bulk metering allowed.

Residential customers are defined as customers connected as detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. It does not include Residential Rate Class customers in apartments, condominiums, row housing or any other abode that is not a detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling unit. The definition does not include the installation of primary, transformation and secondary to the hand holes in a new subdivision. All items excluded from the residential rate class definition, as above, shall be treated as general service rate class customers.

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

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **REGULAR and TIME OF USE**

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

Service Charge	\$	16.00
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.94
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0123
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036

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

To qualify for general service rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall have a peak demand less than 50 kilowatts for seven or more months in any twelve month period.
- New connections will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches.

The General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class includes those Residential Rate Class customers that are not in detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. The General Service Rate Class also includes subdivision developments and all General Service Rate 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 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 Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$ \$ \$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	21.36 1.94 0.53 0.0184 0.0001 (0.0003) 0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kvvn \$/kWh	0.0039

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**

To qualify for General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Rates, an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall not qualify for a General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class service.
- New customers will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches. 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	\$	163.06
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.94
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	5.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.2336
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0937
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0629)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9980
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9922

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 applies to an account 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 the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	7.98
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.26
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0122
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0026

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.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.68
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.7670
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0503
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.2937)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6112
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0705

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 the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	3.69 10.7227 0.0475 (0.3374) 1.5220
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0112
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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### 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**

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		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	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
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/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 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	1.0527
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0422
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5 000 kW	N/A