



**EB-2009-0056**

**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 Espanola  
Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation for an order or  
orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution  
rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2009.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle  
Member

## **RATE ORDER**

### **Introduction**

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“Espanola”) is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. Espanola filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2009.

Espanola made application (EB-2009-0056) on February 18, 2008 in which it requested that a PILs amount of \$29,101 be reflected in rates. Espanola estimated that the impact of the application would be an increase of about \$0.53 on the monthly bill of a typical residential customer.

On April 23, 2009 the Board declared that Espanola’s rates interim as of May 1, 2009.

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On July 31, 2009 the Board found the request to include in 2009 rates the \$29,101 proposed amount for PILs reasonable. The Board also found May 1, 2009 to be the effective date..

The Board ordered that the \$29,101 amount be reflected in base rates on an annualized basis beginning September 1, 2009. In addition, the foregone revenue from May 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009 (estimated to be about \$10,000) was to be recorded in deferral account 1592 to be disposed of at a later time.

Espanola filed with the Board for review and approval the rate schedules that reflected the Board's finding. The Board has reviewed the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Rate Order is approved, effective May 1, 2009, but implemented on September 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after September 1, 2009.
2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Board for Espanola and is final.
3. Espanola shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, August 25, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix “A”**

**To The Rate Order Arising from Decision**

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**Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation**

**August 25, 2009**

# **Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation**

## **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

### **Effective May 1, 2009**

### **Implementation September 1, 2009**

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

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#### **APPLICATION**

- The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Codes, Guidelines or Orders 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, Guideline or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.
- This schedule does not contain any rates and charges relating to the electricity commodity (e.g. the Regulated Price Plan).

#### **IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

**DISTRIBUTION RATES** – Sept. 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES** – Sept. 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
**RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES** – Sept. 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
**LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT** – Sept. 1, 2009 unless the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates. In that case, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

#### **SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS**

##### **Residential**

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadplex with residential zoning.

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

This classification refers to a non residential 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.

##### **General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

This classification refers to a non residential account whose average peak demand is greater than, or is forecast to be greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

##### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

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.

##### **Sentinel Lighting**

This classification applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential or General Service customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and unmetered. Consumption is estimated based on the equipment rating and estimated hours of use.

##### **Street Lighting**

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.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

##### Residential

Service Charge	\$	11.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0147
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### General Service Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	19.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0172
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### General Service 50 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	143.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5299
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.2386
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7225
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3068
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9563
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8319
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### Unmetered Scattered Load

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	8.80
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0134
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.20
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.1438
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.3766
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3057
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0314
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013

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Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	EB-2009-0056 0.25
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#### Street Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.9824
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	0.4499
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2991
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0103
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	30.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charges for non payment of account - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
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)

#### Retail Service Charges (if applicable)

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

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**LOSS FACTORS**

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0543
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0443
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A