



EB-2011-0188

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
Northern Ontario Wires Inc. for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution
rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

FINAL RATE ORDER

Northern Ontario Wires Inc. ("NOW"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 28, 2011, 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 NOW charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012. The application was based on the 3rd generation incentive rate mechanism.

In its Decision and Order on the application issued on March 22, 2012, the Board ordered NOW to review a 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 and Order.

On March 28, 2012, NOW filed a letter and noted the following inaccuracies in the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges:

- Missing Smart Meter Funding Adder (“SMFA”) of \$1.00 – effective until April 30, 2013 for the Residential, General Service <50 kW and General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate classes;
- Missing brackets to indicate a credit rate rider for Deferral Variance Account Disposition (2012) for the General Service <50 kW rate class;
- Reference to a SMFA in the IRM Rate Generator model of \$2.50, rather than \$1.00.

The Board notes that it did not approve the continuation of NOW’s Smart Meter Funding Adder of \$2.50/meter beyond the current expiry date of April 30, 2012, nor did it approve Board staff’s proposal of a SMFA of \$1.00. The Board’s rationale has been provided on page 13 of the Decision. The Smart Meter Funding Adder has been correctly excluded from the approved Tariff of Rates and Charges.

The Board further notes that the tariff schedule resulting from the final model must be created using the function provided on Sheet 20 in order to remove the SMFA of \$2.50. However, the tariff schedule created by the model is for reference purposes only, and does not supersede the final Tariff of Rates and Charges attached to this rate order.

The Board accepts NOW’s submission regarding the credit rate rider for Deferral and Variance Account Disposition (2012) for the General Service <50 kW rate class and has revised the Tariff of Rates and Charges accordingly.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The revised Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final effective May 1, 2012, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2012. NOW shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto March 30, 2012
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A
To Revised Rate Order
Tariff of Rates and Charges
Board File No: EB-2011-0188
DATED March 30, 2012

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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 in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| Service Charge | \$ | 17.83 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0135 |
| Low Voltage Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0012) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0029) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | 0.0006 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0063 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0027 |

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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|---|--------|--------|
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable) | \$ | 0.25 |

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

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| Service Charge | \$ | 23.90 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0134 |
| Low Voltage Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0006 |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0013) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0032) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | 0.0002 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0059 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0025 |

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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|---|--------|--------|
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

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| Service Charge | \$ | 181.61 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 0.6880 |
| Low Voltage Service Rate | \$/kW | 0.3342 |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | | |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers | \$/kW | (0.1461) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | (0.5839) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | (1.2149) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) | | |
| – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | 0.0163 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 2.3850 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 0.9844 |

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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|---|--------|--------|
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| 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. 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

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| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 12.23 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0134 |
| Low Voltage Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0006 |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0011) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kWh | (0.0027) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0059 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0025 |

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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|---|--------|--------|
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable) | \$ | 0.25 |

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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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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| Service Charge (per connection) | \$ | 5.27 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate | \$/kW | 6.2108 |
| Low Voltage Service Rate | \$/kW | 0.2454 |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | | |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers | \$/kW | (0.1526) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | (0.2965) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | (0.6158) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate | \$/kW | 1.7989 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate | \$/kW | 0.7610 |

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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|---|--------|--------|
| Wholesale Market Service Rate | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge | \$/kWh | 0.0011 |
| 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

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| Service Charge | \$ | 5.25 |
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ALLOWANCES

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| 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 |
| Returned Cheque charge (plus bank charges) | \$ | 15.00 |
| Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) | \$ | 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 at Meter - 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 | \$ | 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

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| 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 monthly charge, per customer, per retailer | \$/cust. | 0.30 |
| Retailer-consolidated billing monthly 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.

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| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0448 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0344 |