



EB-2012-0272

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
Haldimand County Hydro Inc. for an order or orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution
rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be
effective November 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

RATE ORDER

Introduction

Haldimand County Hydro Inc. (“HCHI”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on July 18, 2012 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 HCHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective November 1, 2012 .

In its Decision and Order on the Application issued on November 1, 2012 (the “Decision”), the Board ordered HCHI 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 and Order.

On November 6, 2012, HCHI filed a letter and advised the Board that the effective date for the SMDR as set out in the Decision should have been April 30, 2014, not October 31, 2013. HCHI also advised the Board that the SMDR and the SMIRR with respect to the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW rate class are only applicable to the non-interval metered sub-classification and should be restated as follows:

- *Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014 – Non-Interval Metered*
- *Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order – Non-Interval Metered*

HCHI requested that the Board make the necessary corrections to the Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board accepts HCHI request and has revised the final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

DATED at Toronto, November 15, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

To Final Rate Order

Final Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No: EB-2012-0272

DATED: November 15, 2012

Haldimand County Hydro Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a customer's main place of abode and may include additional buildings served through the same meter, provided they are not rental income units. Residential includes Urban, Suburban and Farm customer's premises which can be occupied on a year-round and seasonal basis. Farm applies to properties actively engaged in agricultural production as defined by Statistics Canada. These premises must be supplied from a single phase primary line. The farm definition does not include tree, sod, or pet farms. Services to year-round pumping stations or other ancillary services remote from the main farm shall be classed as farm. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	16.16
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014	\$	2.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	3.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0289
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0035)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0018)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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

Service Charge	\$	28.90
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014	\$	3.91
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	5.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0204
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0035)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
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- General Service 50 to 1,000 kW non-interval metered
- General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered
- General Service greater than 1,000 to 5,000 kW interval metered.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	103.56
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-Interval Metered Customers	\$	2.49
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order – Applicable only for Non-Interval Metered Customers	\$	9.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.8055
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1502
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.2926)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.7941)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.1995)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0590
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0414)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4495
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8820
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.5983
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.0801

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011

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Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

\$

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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	20.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0027
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0016)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account that is an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. (Metered sentinel lighting is captured under the consumption of the principal service.) The consumption for these customers is assumed to have the same hourly consumption load profile as for Street Lighting. 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)	\$	12.93
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	33.3692
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1103
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.2573)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.7724)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(2.2663)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.8555)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8564
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4855

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	15.5108
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1081
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.2597)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.7739)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferred PILs Variance Account 1562 – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(1.0803)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.3666)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8471
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4551

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	5.25
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**EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION FOR HYDRO
ONE NETWORKS INC.**

This classification applies to Hydro One Networks Inc., an electricity distributor licensed by the Board, and provided electricity by means of Haldimand County Hydro Inc.'s distribution facilities. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	183.44
Distribution Wheeling Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5653
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.3758)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/ Variance Accounts (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.2905)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1063
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8422

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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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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		
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	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
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 Charge - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - 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
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Bell Canada Pole Rentals	\$	18.08
Norfolk Pole Rentals – Billed	\$	28.61

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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 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.

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0680
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0573
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Embedded Distributor – Hydro One Networks Inc.	1.0305