



EB-2014-0113

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 St. Thomas
Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates
and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective
January 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Ellen Fry
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

RATE ORDER
December 18, 2014

St. Thomas Energy Inc. (“St. Thomas Energy”) filed a complete application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on June 26, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for rates and other charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2015.

The Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) and the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) were intervenors that participated in the proceeding. The intervenors and St. Thomas Energy filed a Settlement Proposal with the Board to settle all the issues in the proceeding. Board staff participated in the settlement conference and supported the Settlement Proposal.

The Board issued a Decision and Order on November 27, 2014 which accepted the Settlement Proposal and ordered St. Thomas Energy to file a draft Rate Order reflecting

the Board's findings. The intervenors and Board staff were provided with the opportunity to comment on the draft Rate Order.

St. Thomas Energy filed a draft Rate Order and supporting material with the Board on December 3, 2014. After filing the draft Rate Order, St. Thomas Energy filed a letter to explain that the \$10.00 microFIT service charge included in the draft had not been explicitly addressed in the Settlement Proposal approved by the Board. However, St. Thomas Energy indicated that the \$10 charge had been discussed during the technical conference as it represented an increase over the current rate, and that it was embedded in the calculations included in the Settlement Proposal.

Energy Probe, VECC and Board staff filed letters supporting the \$10 microFIT service charge.

In addition, Energy Probe requested a table showing a breakdown of the Deferral and Variance account balances for disposition by account. Board staff requested that St. Thomas Energy update its Retail Transmission Service Rates Workform to incorporate the billing determinants from its most recent Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements filing. Board staff also requested that St. Thomas Energy file an updated revenue reconciliation calculation as well as a derivation for the base rates proposed in the draft Rate Order.

St. Thomas Energy filed a reply on December 11, 2014 that provided the additional information and calculations requested by Energy Probe and Board staff.

The Board has reviewed the material provided in support of the draft Rate Order and is satisfied that it accurately reflects the Board's Decision in approving the Settlement Proposal. The Board approves the \$10 microFIT service charge, given that it was embedded within the tables included with the Settlement Proposal, and noting that it is supported by the intervenors and Board staff.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A to this Rate Order will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2015. St. Thomas Energy shall notify its customers of the rate changes either before or with the first customer bills reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, December 18, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

**TO RATE ORDER
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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 distributor'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	\$	14.21
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets – effective until December 31, 2019	\$	0.37
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0168
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0095
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0064)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0026)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	0.00005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0075
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
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	\$	23.20
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets – effective until December 31, 2019	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0158
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0095
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0063)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0026)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0074
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/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 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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	72.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4616
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.5333
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.9985
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.3802)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	(1.0315)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA)		
– effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0015)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9686
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2050

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for individual lighting on private property 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)	\$	4.68
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.6609
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.5325)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	(0.3453)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8660
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3851

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.58
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.0349
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.4271
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.8416
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) – effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.3082)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	(0.9505)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2892
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7001

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/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	\$	10.00
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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
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (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
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
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00

Other

Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge at customer's request - at meter during regular hours	\$	65.00

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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 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	1.0393
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0289