



# **Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

## **RATE ORDER**

## **EB-2014-0096**

**Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.  
2015 Electricity Distribution Rates**

**June 11, 2015**

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**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 Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2015

**BEFORE:** Christine Long  
Presiding Member

Allison Duff  
Member

**Rate Order  
June 11, 2015**

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI) filed a cost of service application seeking approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to change the rates NPEI charges for electricity distribution effective May 1, 2015. NPEI is the electricity distributor that serves approximately 51,500 customers in the City of Niagara Falls, the Town of Lincoln, the Township of West Lincoln, and the Town of Pelham.

During the proceeding, the Board was aided by the participation of three intervenors: Energy Probe Research Foundation (Energy Probe), the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) and the School Energy Coalition (SEC). OEB staff also participated in the proceeding.

NPEI, Energy Probe, VECC and the SEC (the Parties) reached a partial settlement on many of the issues and filed a Settlement Proposal. OEB staff supported the

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Settlement Proposal and the Board subsequently approved an amended Settlement Proposal (the Settlement Proposal).

The Board heard the two unsettled issues at an oral hearing and issued its Decision and Order on May 14, 2015. The Board directed NPEI to file a draft Rate Order reflecting the approved Settlement Proposal and the Decision and Order.

The approved Settlement Proposal included a 2015 forecast of volumes and customer counts. Appendices to the Settlement Proposal provided inputs to determine the 2015 distribution rates and the deferral and variance account rate riders.

Energy Probe and OEB staff filed submissions on the draft Rate Order on May 26 and May 27, 2015 respectively and NPEI filed its reply submission on May 28, 2015.

Energy Probe and OEB staff submitted that the volumes and customer counts used to establish the rate riders were not the same as those in the 2015 forecast approved by the Board in the Settlement Proposal. Both Energy Probe and OEB staff submitted that consistency was important and that the 2015 approved forecast should be used to calculate both the distribution rates and the rate riders. OEB staff indicated that NPEI had used volumes and customer counts from its last cost of service application to calculate the rate riders in the Settlement Proposal.

In its reply, NPEI submitted that the Board should not deviate from the Settlement Proposal, which specified the deferral and variance account balances, the allocations and volumes to be used in calculating the rate riders. Further, NPEI submitted that if the Parties to the Settlement Proposal wanted to use an updated forecast, such language could have and would have been incorporated into the Settlement Proposal. NPEI also submitted that there is no requirement to use the same forecast.

In reply, NPEI agreed to other changes to the draft Rate Order proposed by OEB staff.

The Board finds no compelling reason to deviate from the numbers included in the Settlement Proposal. The calculations are clear with respect to the deferral and variance account balances, allocations and volumes.

The Board recognizes that the EDDVAR model for calculating the rate riders is used for both price-cap rate setting and cost of service rate setting, and it directs users to input

volumes and customer counts. The Board notes that if Parties to the Settlement Proposal wanted to use the yet-to-be approved 2015 forecast to calculate the rate riders, there should have been a statement to that effect in the text of the Settlement Proposal.

The Board notes that using the test year forecast as opposed to a historical year would lead to a small downward impact on expected revenues collected for different customer classes.

As a result of the Decision and Order, three Accounting Orders are required to set up new accounts for costs related to other post-employment benefits, interval meters and the lead/lag study. NPEI filed draft Accounting Orders with its draft Rate Order.

OEB staff submitted that changes were required to the draft Accounting Orders and proposed revisions. NPEI did not oppose the revisions proposed by OEB staff. The Board has reviewed the revised Accounting Orders and approves them.

Appendix "A" to this Decision and Order, the Tariff of Rates and Charges effective June 1, 2015, is approved on an interim basis. Final rates will be determined once the results of the pending lead/lag study are filed and NPEI obtains the requisite OEB approvals at its next incentive rate-setting application. The tariff sheets submitted in the draft Rate Order have been reformatted to be consistent with the OEB format.

Appendix "B" contains the approved Accounting Orders.

#### **THE OEB ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order be interim, and will have an effective date and implementation date of June 1, 2015. NPEI shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
2. Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. shall establish the following Accounting Orders as set out in Appendix "B", effective May 1, 2015:
  - OPEB Deferral Account

- MIST Meters Variance Account
- Working Capital Allowance Lead-lag Study

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, **EB-2014-0096**, be made through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 11, 2015

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix “A”**

**To Rate Order**

**Interim Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**Board Order No: EB-2014-0096**

**Dated June 11, 2015**

**Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
**Approved on an Interim Basis**  
**Effective and Implementation Date June 1, 2015**

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This class pertains to customers residing in detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units, where energy is supplied single-phase, 3 wire, 60 hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts. Large residential services will include all services from 201 amp. Up to and including 400 amp., 120/240 volt, single phase, three wire. 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	\$	18.43
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets – effective until April 30, 2017	\$	0.93
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0185
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0005
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0005)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0076
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0053

### 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

This class pertains to non-residential customers taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	37.76
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets – effective until April 30, 2017	\$	2.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0138
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

### 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 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.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	102.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.3629
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1612
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.9703
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.4781)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(1.1427)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8172
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8413

### 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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## UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose 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 electricity demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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 customer)	\$	19.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0137
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

### 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 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	\$	16.95
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	21.1488
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1347
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.9444
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	2.6266
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(1.1122)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0858
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5386

### 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**

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. Street lighting profile is derived through the use of a "virtual street lighting meter" that uses a street light control eye, consistent with the model type and product manufacturer of devices currently in service in the Applicant's distribution area, to simulate the exact daily conditions that the typical street light is exposed to. This simulated street light load is captured using an interval metering device, and is processed as part of the distributor's daily interval meter interrogation, validation and processing procedures. 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)	\$	1.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.6966
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1239
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.8988
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.4471)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 – effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(1.0585)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1297
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4147

### **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 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	\$	5.40
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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

### APPLICATION

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#### Customer Administration

Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	20.00
Legal letter charge	\$	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
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

Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary Service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary Service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary Service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1,000.00
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 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	1.0479
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0374

**Appendix “B”**

**To Rate Order**

**NPEI Accounting Orders**

**Board Order No: EB-2014-0096**

**Dated June 11, 2015**

**NPEI Accounting Order  
EB-2014-0096  
OPEB Deferral Account**

NPEI shall establish the following deferral account effective January 1, 2015:

**Account 1508 Other Regulatory Assets, Subaccount – Other  
Post- Employment Benefits Deferral Account**

NPEI shall establish the Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Deferral Account to record the cumulative actuarial gains or losses with respect to NPEI’s post-retirement benefits in Account 1508, Other Regulatory Assets, Sub-account OPEB Deferral Account.

Upon rebasing on a MIFRS basis, effective from 2015 to the next time NPEI’s rates are rebased, the deferral account shall be adjusted as required to record changes in the cumulative actuarial gains or losses in NPEI’s post-employment benefits as supported by updated actuarial valuations prepared for NPEI.

The adjustments that will be recorded in this account shall be supported by actuarial valuations when disposition of the deferral account is sought by NPEI.

No carrying charges shall be recorded in this account.

**Sample Journal Entry**

The following is an example of the journal entry that will be made by NPEI.

As per the OEB approved settlement proposal, for NPEI’s OPEB actuarial gain of \$1,570,621 as of January 1, 2015, NPEI shall record the unrecognized actuarial gain relating to Other Post-Employment Benefits upon transition to IFRS as follows:

	\$	
	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
OPEB liability (balance sheet)	1,570,621	
:		
Account 1508 - Subaccount OPEB Deferral Account		1,570,621

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**MIST Meters Variance Account**

NPEI shall establish the following deferral and variance accounts effective January 1, 2015:

**Account 1557 – MIST Meters Deferral and Variance Account**

As per the OEB's Accounting Procedures Handbook – Guidance document issued in March 2015, this account shall track incremental capital and OM&A costs. NPEI shall open a sub-account to record incremental OM&A costs and carrying charges.

The MIST Meters Variance Account - Sub-account OM&A shall be used to record the variance in costs above or below \$43,760 which is the amount included in the 2015 Test Year meter reading expense, relating to the implementation of MIST meters between 2015 and 2019, that may be incurred as a result of the amendment to section 5.1.3 of the Distribution System Code.

Disposition of the account is proposed to occur in NPEI's next cost of service rate application and will be subject to the Board's prudence review.

NPEI shall record carrying charges on the balances in the Capital and OM&A Sub-accounts using the interest rates set by the Board from time to time pursuant to the Board's interest rate policy.

**Sample Journal Entry**

The following is an example of the journal entry that will be made by NPEI.

The example assumes that incremental MIST meter reading costs are higher than the amount included in the 2015 Test Year by \$50,000. This amount is assumed for illustration purposes only.

	\$	
	Dr.	Cr.
Account 1557 Subaccount MIST Meters Variance	50,000	
Account OM&A Account		
Accounts Payable		50,000

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**Working Capital Allowance Lead-lag Study**

NPEI shall establish the following deferral account effective May 14, 2015:

**Account 1508 Other Regulatory Assets, Subaccount Working  
Capital Allowance Lead-lag Study Deferral Account**

NPEI shall establish a deferral account to record all incremental costs, both internal and external, associated with conducting a lead/lag study.

NPEI shall record carrying charges on the balances in the sub-account using the interest rates set by the OEB from time to time pursuant to the OEB's interest rate policy.

**Sample Journal Entry**

The following are examples of the journal entries that will be made by NPEI. The amounts assumed in the examples are for illustration purposes only.

To record incremental external costs relating to the lead/lag study.

	\$	
	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
1508 – Sub-account Working Capital Allowance Lead-lag Study Deferral Account	30,000	
2205 - Accounts Payable		30,000

To record incremental internal costs relating to the lead/lag study.

	\$	
	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>
1508 - Sub-account Working Capital Allowance Lead-lag Study Deferral Account	15,000	
1005 – Cash		10,000
2292 – Payroll Deductions/Expenses Payable		5,000