



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

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## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2018-0064**

**RENFREW HYDRO INC.**

**Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2019**

**By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**December 13, 2018**

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Renfrew Hydro Inc. (Renfrew Hydro) on August 13, 2018, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

Renfrew Hydro serves about 4,300 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Renfrew. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

A distributor may choose one of three rate-setting methodologies approved by the OEB. Each of these is explained in the OEB's [Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications](#) (the Filing Requirements).

Renfrew Hydro's application is based on a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (Price Cap IR) with a five-year term. The Price Cap IR option involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year. Mechanistic price cap adjustments, based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of the distributor's efficiency, are then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill decrease before taxes of \$0.52 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective January 1, 2019.

Renfrew Hydro has also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. In 2015, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the fixed monthly charge for 2019 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. Unlike most distributors, Renfrew Hydro commenced the transition to a fully fixed rate structure in 2017, and therefore Renfrew Hydro will complete its transition to fully fixed rates in 2020. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

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<sup>1</sup> OEB Policy – "A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers." EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

## 2 THE PROCESS

This Decision is being issued by delegated authority, without a hearing, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the OEB Act).

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for IRM applications filed under Price Cap IR. In each adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, the OEB prepares a Rate Generator Model that includes information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model and include it with its application.

During the course of the proceeding, the Rate Generator Model will also be updated or corrected, as required. The Rate Generator Model updates base rates, retail transmission service rates and, if applicable, shared tax saving adjustments. It also calculates rate riders for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances.

Renfrew Hydro filed its application on August 13, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Renfrew Hydro supported its application with written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Renfrew Hydro through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Renfrew Hydro on November 23, 2018. Renfrew Hydro was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

## 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues, and provides reasons for approving or denying Renfrew Hydro's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design

In the final section, the OEB addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in previous proceedings which are not part of the scope of an IRM proceeding (such as specific

service charges and loss factor,). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Renfrew Hydro seeks to increase its rates, effective January 1, 2019, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved *inflation minus X-factor* formula applicable to Price Cap IR applications.

The components of the Price Cap IR formula applicable to Renfrew Hydro are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.20% increase to Renfrew's rates:  $1.20\% = 1.50\% - (0.00\% + 0.30\%)$ .

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>2</sup>		1.50%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>3</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>4</sup>	0.30%

The inflation factor of 1.50% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 rate year.

The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that will vary among different groupings of distributors. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors with a tangible incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income.

The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 rate

<sup>2</sup> For 2019 Inflation factor see Ontario Energy Board 2019 Electricity Distribution Rate applications - Updates November 23, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> Report of the OEB – “Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors” EB-2010-0379, Issued November 21, 2013, corrected December 4, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – “Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2017 Benchmarking Update”, prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 2018.

year.

The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, each within a range from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any particular distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The most efficient distributor would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.00%. Conversely, a higher stretch factor would be applied to a less efficient distributor (in accordance with its cost performance relative to expected levels) to reflect the incremental productivity gains that the distributor is expected to achieve. The stretch factor assigned to Renfrew Hydro is 0.30%.

### Findings

The OEB finds that Renfrew Hydro's request for a 1.20% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Renfrew Hydro's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2019.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>5</sup>

## 5 REVENUE-TO-COST RATIO ADJUSTMENTS

A revenue-to-cost ratio measures the relationship between the revenues that a distributor expects to receive from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. Generally, an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratio of one rate class will result in a decrease to the ratio of one or more of the other rate classes. A distributor may seek to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios during an IRM term, in accordance with OEB-established target ranges, if the adjustment was approved by the OEB in a previous proceeding.<sup>6</sup>

In this application, Renfrew Hydro proposes an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratios for General Service 50 to 4,999 KW Service Classification. The additional revenues from these adjustments would be used to reduce the revenue-to-cost ratios for Unmetered

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<sup>5</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

<sup>6</sup> Report of the OEB – “Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors.” EB-2007-0667, November 28, 2007; and, Report of the Board – “Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy.” EB-2010-0219, March 31, 2011

Scattered Load Service Classification customers.

Table 5.1, below, outlines the revenue-to-cost ratios for which the applicant seeks approval for the 2019 rate year.

**Table 5.1: Revenue-to-Cost Ratios**

<b>Rate Class</b>	<b>2018 Ratio (%)</b>	<b>Proposed 2019 Ratio (%)</b>
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	95.63	95.63
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	120.07	120.07
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	96.70	97.30
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	160.00	120.00
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	120.00	120.00

## Findings

The OEB agrees that the proposed adjustments for the 2019 rate year are consistent with OEB's findings in its decision for Renfrew Hydro's 2017 rates.<sup>7</sup> Renfrew Hydro's revenue-to-cost ratios are approved, as set out in Table 5.1 above.

## 6 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. For IRM applications, the OEB has long held that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate in these situations. The shared tax change amount, whether in the form of a credit or a debit, will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from a distributor's last cost of service proceeding.

The application identifies a total credit tax change of \$4,053, resulting in a shared amount of \$2,026 to be distributed to rate payers. Since the allocated tax sharing

<sup>7</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0166, February 9, 2017

amount does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes, the Rate Generator Model does not compute rate riders and distributors are therefore required to transfer the entire OEB-approved tax sharing amount into Account 1595 for disposition at a later date.

## Findings

The allocated tax sharing amount of \$2,026 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs Renfrew Hydro to record the OEB-approved tax sharing credit amount of \$2,026 into Account 1595, sub-account 2019 - Principal by March 31, 2019 for disposition at a later date.

## 7 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Distributors charge retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) to their customers to recover the amounts they pay to a transmitter, a host distributor or both for transmission services. All transmitters charge Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) approved by the OEB to distributors connected to the transmission system. Host distributors charge host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

Renfrew Hydro is embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution system and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 7.1.

**Table 7.1: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs<sup>8</sup>**

<b>Current Approved Sub-Transmission Host RTSRs (2017)</b>	<b>per kW</b>
Network Service Rate	\$3.19
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.75

<sup>8</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016

## Findings

Renfrew Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs.

The differences resulting from the approval of new 2019 RTSRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

## 8 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be disposed.<sup>9</sup> OEB policy requires that Group 1 accounts be disposed if they exceed (as a debit or credit) a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor justifies why balances should not be disposed.<sup>10</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for Renfrew Hydro Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2018 is a credit of \$71,014. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0008 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold and the utility has not requested disposition.

## Findings

The OEB finds that the account balances, as amended during the course of this proceeding, are reasonable and confirms that the threshold calculation is correct. No disposition is required at this time as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded and the utility did not request disposition. In Renfrew Hydro's 2020 IRM application, the OEB will focus its review on the 2018 transactions subject to any further review that may be necessary of the 2017 transactions should the need arise.

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<sup>9</sup> Group 1 accounts track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor services (including the cost of power) and the associated revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these services. The total net difference between these costs and revenues is disposed to customers through a temporary charge or credit known as a rate rider.

<sup>10</sup> Report of the OEB - "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)" EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.



## 9 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's residential rate design policy stipulates that distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period, beginning in 2016.

The OEB expects an applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation of bill impacts for customers is required during the transition period. Mitigation usually takes the form of a lengthening of the transition period. The first test is to calculate the change in the monthly fixed charge, and to consider mitigation if it exceeds \$4. The second is to calculate the total bill impact of the proposals in the application for low volume residential customers (defined as those residential RPP customers whose consumption is at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Renfrew Hydro notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.54. The bill impact arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, is below 10% for low volume residential customers.

As Renfrew Hydro commenced the transition to a fully fixed rate structure in 2017, therefore Renfrew Hydro will complete its transition to fully fixed rates in 2020.

### Findings

The OEB finds that the proposed 2019 increase to the monthly fixed charge is calculated in accordance with the OEB's residential rate design policy. The results of the monthly fixed charge, and total bill impact for low consumption residential consumers demonstrate that no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final Rate Generator Model.

## 10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Renfrew Hydro's last cost of service decision, and to ensure that the 2018 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2017, are as reported by Renfrew Hydro to the OEB.

The Rate Generator Model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies. The Rate Generator Model incorporates the rates set out in the following table.

**Table 10.1: Regulatory Charges**

<b>Rate</b>	<b>per kWh</b>
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0003
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	\$0.0004

Each of these rates is a component of the “Regulatory Charge” on a customer’s bill, established annually by the OEB through a separate, generic order. The RRRP, WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on December 20, 2017.<sup>11</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the “Distribution Charge” on a customer’s bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on March 1, 2018.<sup>12</sup>

## **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT**

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2019 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Renfrew Hydro Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.

<sup>11</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0333, December 20, 2017.

<sup>12</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 13, 2018

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2018-0064**

**DATED: December 13, 2018**

**Renfrew Hydro Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
**Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019**  
**This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously**  
**approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors**

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate 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. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

## APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy 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 or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition, the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	22.76
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	0.17
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	1.42
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	(1.55)
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0022
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0053
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

# Renfrew Hydro Inc.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019

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

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## GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. 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	\$	31.86
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	0.30
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	3.10
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0156
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	(0.0024)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

# Renfrew Hydro Inc.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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## GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	202.22
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	6.03
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	11.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0595
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7587
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.8725)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9591
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2448

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum 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 consumption of the unmetered load. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. 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 (per customer)	\$	21.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	(0.0024)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25



# Renfrew Hydro Inc.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019

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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 Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.2149
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5865
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 (2017) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.8532)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4775
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9624

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
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 Independent Electricity System Operator's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. 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	\$	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 & energy	%	(1.00)

**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES**

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**Customer Administration**

Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00

**Non-Payment of Account**

Late payment - per month	%	1.50
Late payment charge - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge - no disconnection	\$	30.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00

**Other**

Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	43.63
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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	1.0810
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0702