

EB-2008-0199 (Niagara Falls)
EB-2008-0200 (Peninsula West)

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
being Schedule B to the *Energy Competition Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998,
c.15;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Niagara
Peninsula Energy Inc. for an Order or Orders approving or fixing a
proposed schedule of adjusted distribution rates and other charges,
effective May 1, 2009.

Title of Proceeding: An Application by Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.
for an Order or Orders approving or fixing a
proposed schedule of adjusted distribution rates and
other charges, effective May 1, 2009.

Applicant's Name: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.
(the "Applicant")

Applicant's Address: 7447 Pin Oak Drive,
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Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S9

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

1. Introduction

- (a) Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (“the Applicant”) hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board (the “OEB”) pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for approval of its proposed adjusted distribution rates, including a smart metering rate funding adder, and decrease in the Retail Transmission Service Rates, effective May 1, 2009.
- (b) Except where specifically identified in the Application, the Applicant followed the methodology set out in the OEB’s Filing Requirements for 2009 Distribution Rate Adjustments, issued on October 3, 2008 (the “Filing Requirements”), along with direction provided to distributors in the Guidelines for Retail Transmission Service Rates (G-2008-0001) and Smart Metering Funding and Cost Recovery (G-2008-0002) issued on October 22, 2008.

2. Proposed Distribution Rates and Other Charges

- (a) The Schedule of Rates proposed in this Application is identified in Exhibit “A” attached to this Summary.
- (b) The material being filed in support of this Application sets out the Applicant’s approach to the distribution rate adjustments.

- (c) It is requested that the increase in the smart meter adder of \$1.00 per residential customer per month be allocated equally to all metered customers and recovered through their monthly service charge.

3. Proposed Effective Date of Rate Order

- (a) The Applicant requests that the OEB make its Rate Order effective May 1, 2009, in accordance with the Filing Requirements.

4. Proposed Distribution Rates and Other Charges are Just and Reasonable

- (a) The Applicant submits the adjustments to its distribution rates contained in this Application are just and reasonable on the following grounds:
 - (i) the proposed rates for the distribution of electricity have been prepared in accordance with the OEB's Filing Requirements;
 - (ii) the proposed smart metering rate funder adder provides funding for future implementation and is intended to minimize future rate impacts;
 - (iii) there are no impacts to any of the customer classes or consumption level subgroups that are so significant as to warrant the deferral of any adjustments being requested by the Applicant; and
 - (iv) such further and other grounds as may be set out in the Manager's Summary accompanying this Application Summary.

5. Relief Sought

- (a) The Applicant applies for an Order or Orders approving the adjusted distribution rates set out in this Application as just and reasonable rates and charges pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* being Schedule B to the *Energy Competition Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, effective May 1, 2009, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Dated at Niagara Falls, Ontario this 7th day of November 2008.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Wilson, Vice President, Finance, Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

EXHIBIT "A"

**Niagara Falls
 Proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, Effective May 1, 2009**

Rate Class

Residential

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	17.27
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0138
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

General Service Less Than 50 kW

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	49.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0102
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

General Service 50 to 499 kW

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	286.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0697
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7278
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5472
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Unmetered Scattered Load

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
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Service Charge	\$	24.10
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0102
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Sentinel Lighting

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	1.12
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.1608
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3096
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Street Lighting

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	0.33
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7242
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3030
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1961
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration

	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Current</u>
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	20.00

Non-Payment of Account

	<u>Metric</u>	<u>Current</u>
Late Payment - per month	%	1.5%
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
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00

Other	Metric	Current
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	22.35

Allowances	Metric	Current
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	%	-1.0

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 charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing 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	Current
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0572
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	0.0000
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0466
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	0.0000

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Rate Class

Residential Urban

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	11.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0205
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Residential Suburban

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	11.77
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0159
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

General Service Less Than 50 kW

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	11.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0196
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

General Service 50 to 499 kW

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	24.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.2300

Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6703
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6818
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Unmetered Scattered Load

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	5.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0196
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Sentinel Lighting

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	1.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5435
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2660
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3273
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Rate Class

Street Lighting

Rate Description	Metric	Rate
Service Charge	\$	0.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.4801
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2597
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3002
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration	Metric	Current
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00

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	Metric	Current
Late Payment - per month	%	1.5%
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

Other	Metric	Current
Install/Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00
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	\$	1000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	22.35

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Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	0.0000
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0495
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	0.0000