



**EB-2008-0214**

**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 Veridian  
Connections Inc. for an order or orders approving or  
fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other  
charges, to be effective May 1, 2009.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Ken Quesnelle  
Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **Introduction**

Veridian Connections Inc. ("Veridian Connections") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its two licensed service areas: Veridian-Main and Veridian-Gravenhurst. Veridian Connections filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2009.

Veridian Connections is one of about 80 electricity distributors in Ontario that are regulated by the Board. In 2006, the Board announced the establishment of a multi-year electricity distribution rate-setting plan for the years 2007-2010. As part of the plan, Veridian Connections is one of the electricity distributors to have its rates adjusted for 2009 on the basis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("IRM") process, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications.

To streamline the process for the approval of distribution rates and charges for distributors, the Board issued its *Report of the Board on Cost of Capital and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "Report") on December 20, 2006. Among other things, the Report contained the relevant guidelines for 2009 rate adjustments (the "Guidelines") for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process.

Notice of Veridian Connections' rate application was given through newspaper publication in Veridian Connections' service areas advising of the availability of the rate application and advising how interested parties may intervene in the proceeding or comment on the application. There were no intervention requests and no comments were received. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While the Board has considered the entire record in this rate application, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings.

### **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

Veridian Connections' rate application was filed on the basis of the Guidelines. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for Veridian Connections, the Board has applied the policies described in the Report.

As outlined in the Report, distribution rates under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 1.0%. Based on the final 2008 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 2.3%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore 1.3%. The rate model was adjusted to reflect the newly calculated price cap adjustment. This price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes. An adjustment for the transition to a common deemed capital structure of 60% debt and 40% equity was also effected. A change in the federal income tax rate effective January 1, 2009 was incorporated into the rate model and reflected in distribution rates.

On December 13, 2007, the Ontario government introduced its 2007 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review (the "Fiscal Review"). The enabling legislation received Royal Assent on May 14, 2008. Included in this Fiscal Review were changes to the

Ontario capital tax provisions<sup>1</sup>, and an increase in the small business income limit from \$400,000 to \$500,000 effective January 1, 2007.

The Federal Budget enacted on February 3, 2009 included an increase in the small business income limit from \$400,000 to \$500,000 effective January 1, 2009, and a change in the capital cost allowance (CCA) applicable to certain computer equipment and related system software (CCA class 50) acquired between January 27, 2009 and February 2011.

The Board has considered these fiscal changes and determined that the rate model will be adjusted to reflect the increase in the provincial and federal small business income limit for affected distributors, and the changes in the Ontario capital tax provisions. The Board is of the view that these changes when combined could be material, and should be passed through to ratepayers. With regard to the change in the CCA, the Board notes that this change would be captured in the revenue requirement calculation as it relates to smart meters when a distributor applies for cost recovery for the applicable investment period. For other computer equipment and related system software in class 50, the Board concludes that this adjustment is not required since it does not appear to be material.

The price cap index adjustment does not apply to the following components of distribution rates:

- Rate Riders;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Rural Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply service – Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;
- Retail Service Charges;
- Loss Factors; and
- Smart Meter Funding Adder.

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<sup>1</sup> The Ontario capital tax rate decreased from 0.285% to 0.225% effective January 1, 2007. The Ontario capital tax deduction also increased from \$10 million to \$12.5 million effective January 1, 2007, and from \$12.5 million to \$15 million effective January 1, 2008.

**Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Adjustment**

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 442/01, Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (“RRRP”) (made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*) the Board issued a Decision on December 17, 2008 setting out the amount to be charged by the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) with respect to the RRRP for each kilowatt-hour of electricity that is withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid.

In a letter dated December 17, 2008 the Board directed distributors that had a rate application before the Board to file a request with the Board that the RRRP charge in their tariff sheet be revised to 0.13 cent per kilowatt-hour effective May 1, 2009.

Veridian Connections complied with this directive. The rate models were adjusted to reflect the new RRRP charge.

**Smart Meter Funding Adder**

On October 22, 2008 the Board issued a Guideline for Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery (“Smart Meter Guideline”) which sets out the Board’s filing requirements in relation to the funding of, and the recovery of costs associated with, smart meter activities conducted by electricity distributors.

As set out in the Smart Meter Guideline, a distributor that plans to implement smart meters in the rate year must include, as part of the application, evidence that the distributor is authorized to conduct smart meter activities in accordance with applicable law.

Veridian Connections is authorized conduct smart meter activities because it is identified in paragraph 3 of section 1(1) of O. Reg. 427/06.

Veridian Connections requested the continuation of the smart meter funding adder previously approved by the Board in order to provide funding for possible future implementation of smart meter costs and to minimize future rate impacts. The Board-approved funding adder for Veridian Connections of \$0.73 per metered customer per month shall continue. Veridian Connections’ variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, as previously authorized by the Board, shall also be continued.

The Board notes that the smart meter funding adder of \$0.73 per metered customer per month is intended to provide funding for Veridian Connections' smart metering activities in the 2009 rate year. The Board has not made any finding on the prudence of the proposed smart meter activities, including any costs for smart meters or advanced metering infrastructure whose functionality exceeds the minimum functionality adopted in O. Reg. 425/06, or costs associated with functions for which the Smart Metering Entity has the exclusive authority to carry out pursuant to O. Reg. 393/07. Such costs will be considered at the time that Veridian Connections applies for the recovery of these costs.

### **Retail Transmission Service Rates**

On October 22, 2008 the Board issued a Guideline for *Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* ("RTSR Guideline") which provides electricity distributors with instructions on the evidence needed, and the process to be used, to adjust Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs") to reflect changes in the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTRs").

On August 28, 2008, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order in proceeding EB-2008-0113, setting new UTRs for Ontario transmitters, effective January 1, 2009. The Board approved an increase of 11.3% to the wholesale transmission network rate, an increase of 18.6% to the wholesale transmission line connection rate, and an increase of 0.6% to the wholesale transformation connection rate. The combined change in the wholesale transmission and transformation connection rates is an increase of about 5%.

Electricity distributors are charged the UTRs at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the RTSRs. There are two RTSRs, whereas there are three UTRs. The two RTSRs are for network and connection. The wholesale line and transformation connection rates are combined into one retail connection service charge. Deferral accounts are also used to capture timing differences and differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service compared to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its customers (i.e., deferral accounts 1584 and 1586).

In the RTSR Guideline the Board directed all electricity distributors to propose an adjustment to their RTSRs to reflect the new UTRs for Ontario transmitters effective

January 1, 2009. The objective of resetting the rates was to minimize the prospective balances in deferral accounts 1584 and 1586.

Veridian Connections proposed to increase its RTSR – Network Service Rates by 11.255% and to increase its RTSR – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rates by 5.455%. The Board finds that this approach is reasonable and therefore approves these adjustments.

### **Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and Shared Savings Mechanism**

In its original application, Veridian Connections applied for the approval and recovery of a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (“LRAM”) amount of \$271,585 and a pre-tax Shared Savings Mechanism (“SSM”) amount of \$222,509 related to the Conservation and Demand Management (“CDM”) activities that Veridian Connections undertook in 2005, 2006, and 2007. As a result of interrogatories, Veridian Connections revised the SSM amount to \$201,693.

Since the CDM activities undertaken were targeting the residential customer class, Veridian Connections proposed that the combined LRAM and SSM amount of \$473,278 be recovered through a one-year volumetric rate rider applicable to the residential rate class.

The Board notes the importance of CDM activities to reduce capacity and energy use. The LRAM is designed to compensate distributors for lost revenues due to CDM activities while the SSM provides an incentive for distributors to aggressively implement CDM programs. The Board finds that Veridian Connections has satisfied the Board’s filing and disposition requirements for SSM and LRAM amounts. The Board also notes the net benefits of \$4.0 million associated with the CDM activities undertaken by Veridian Connections as calculated by the Total Resource Cost Test. The Board approves the recovery of the LRAM amount of \$271,585 and an SSM amount of \$201,693 by means of a one-year rate rider applicable to the residential rate class.

The Board is providing Veridian Connections with a rate model (spreadsheet) and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) for each of its service areas that reflect the elements of this Decision. The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2008 Board approved Tariff of Rates and

Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

**The Board Orders That:**

Veridian Connections' new distribution rates will be effective May 1, 2009. The Board orders that:

1. Veridian Connections shall review each draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Veridian Connections shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the completeness and accuracy of each draft Tariff of Rates and Charges, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within seven (7) calendar days of the date of this Decision and Order.

If the Board does not receive a submission by Veridian Connections to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 1 of this Decision and Order:

2. The draft Tariffs of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final, effective May 1, 2009, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2009.
3. The Tariffs of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order shall supersede all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Board for Veridian Connections and is final in all respects.
4. Veridian Connections shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

If the Board receives a submission by Veridian Connections to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 1 of this Decision and Order, the Board will consider the submission of Veridian Connections and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 13, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary



**Appendix “A”**

**To Decision and Order**

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**March 13, 2009**

# **Veridian Connections Inc.**

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### **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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#### **APPLICATION**

- The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Codes, Guidelines or Orders of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the 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, Guideline or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.
- This schedule does not contain any rates and charges relating to the electricity commodity (e.g. the Regulated Price Plan).

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES**

DISTRIBUTION RATES - May 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES - May 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – May 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.  
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – May 1, 2009 unless the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates. In that case, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

# **Veridian Connections Inc.**

#### **SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS: VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.**

##### **Residential**

All residential customers with kilowatt-hour meters shall be deemed to have a demand of 50kW or less. This customer classification includes Single Family Homes, Street Townhouses, Multiplexes, and Block Townhouses.

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW.

##### **General Service 50 to 2,999 kW**

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 3,000 kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the installed transformer. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

- General Service 50 to 999 kW non-interval metered
- General Service 50 to 999 kW interval metered
- General Service 1,000 to 2,999 kW interval metered.

##### **General Service 3,000 to 4,999 kW**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average peak demand used for billing purposes over the past twelve months is equal to or greater than, or forecast to be equal to or greater than, 3,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the installed transformer.

##### **Large Use**

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is greater than, or is forecast to be greater than, 5,000 kW.

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#### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

In general, all services will be metered. However, certain types of electrical loads are not practical to meter, or the cost of metering represents an inordinate expense to both the Customer and Veridian. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. These situations can be managed through a controlled connection and a pre-defined basis for estimating consumption.

#### **Sentinel Lighting**

Sentinel lights (dusk-to-dawn) connected to unmetered wires will have a flat rate monthly energy charge added to the regular customer bill.

#### **Street Lighting**

All services supplied to street or roadway lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service.

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES: VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INC.**

#### **Residential**

Service Charge	\$	11.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0155
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery		
Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

Service Charge	\$	14.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0174
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0030
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### **General Service 50 to 2,999 kW**

Service Charge	\$	133.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.2221
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0883
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4423
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### General Service 3,000 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	5,333.07
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6112
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2916
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5874
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Large Use

Service Charge	\$	8,011.37
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7328
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2916
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5874
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Unmetered Scattered Load

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.0175
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0030
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge	\$	1.91
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.0491
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2936
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8946
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### Street Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.59
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4362
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3659
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9426
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### Specific Service Charges

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
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
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
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)

#### Retail Service Charges (if applicable)

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

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0549
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0444
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045

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**SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS: VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS – GRAVENHURST**

**Urban Density:**

An urban density area is defined as containing 100 or more customers with a line density of at least 15 customers per kilometer of distribution line and includes both Year-Round and Seasonal sub groups.

**Suburban Density:**

A suburban density area is defined as any area that is not designated as an urban density area.

**Residential Year-Round**

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. To be classified as year-round residential, all of the following criteria must be met:

1. The occupant must state that this is designated as the principal residence for purposes of the Income Tax Act.
2. The occupant must live in this residence for at least 8 months of the year.
3. The address of this residence must appear on the occupant's electric bill, driver's license, credit card invoice, property tax bill, etc
4. Occupants who are eligible to vote in Provincial or Federal elections must be enumerated for this purpose at the address of this residence.

**Residential Suburban Seasonal**

This classification is comprised of cottages, chalets, and camps, all Farms supplied from single-phase facilities and any residential service not meeting the Residential Year-Round criteria.

**General Service**

This classification is applicable to any service that does not fit the description of the Residential classes. Generally, it is comprised of commercial, industrial, educational, administrative, auxiliary and government services. It also includes combination services where a variety of uses are made of the service by the owner of one property, and all multiple services except residential.

**General Service Less Than 50 kW**

This classification refers to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than 50 kW.

**General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

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.

**Sentinel Lighting**

This classification refers to an account that is an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light, which is assumed to have the same hourly consumption load profile as street lighting. Metered sentinel lighting is captured under the consumption of the principal service.

**Street Lighting**

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.

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES: VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS – GRAVENHURST**

##### **Residential Urban Year-Round**

Service Charge	\$	9.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0198
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery		
Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### **Residential Suburban Year Round**

Service Charge	\$	13.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0202
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery		
Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### **Residential Suburban Seasonal**

Service Charge	\$	24.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0317
Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) Recovery		
Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

Service Charge	\$	10.80
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0194
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### **General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

Service Charge	\$	23.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.4844
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9357
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7915
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### **Sentinel Lighting**

Service Charge	\$	0.65
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.5428
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4672
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4138
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### **Street Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.0323
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4599
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3849
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

#### **Specific Service Charges**

Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
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
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00



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### TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective May 1, 2009

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Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	EB-2008-0214 22.35
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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)

#### Retail Service Charges (if applicable)

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

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0884
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0775