



EB-2008-0234

EB-2009-0160

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 Lakeland
Power Distribution Ltd. for an order approving or fixing just
and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution
of electricity to be effective May 1, 2009.

BEFORE: Cathy Spoel
Presiding Member

Pamela Nowina
Member and Vice-Chair

**DECISION ON MOTION TO REVIEW AND VARY
AND RATE ORDER**

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. ("Lakeland" or the "Applicant") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area; namely, the Municipalities of Bracebridge, Huntsville, Burk's Falls, Magnetawan and Sundridge.

On September 15, 2008, Lakeland filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2009.

The Board assigned the application file number EB-2008-0234 and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated September 26, 2008. The Board approved four interventions: the Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO), Energy Probe, the School Energy Coalition (SEC), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC). The Board determined that this application would be decided by way of a written hearing.

Written submissions were received from Energy Probe, VECC, SEC and Board staff. The hearing closed with the filing of Lakeland's reply argument on March 16, 2009.

The Board's Decision and Order regarding the Application was issued on May 8, 2009 (the "Decision and Order").

On April 23, 2009, Lakeland amended their application to change the Smart Meter Rate Adder from \$0.25/metered customer/month to \$1.00/metered customer/month. To address this change, the Board issued a Notice of Motion and Procedural Order No. 1 on May 26, 2009. The Board assigned file number EB-2009-0160 to this Motion to Review and Vary the EB-2008-0234 Decision.

On April 24, 2009, the Board released an interim rate order that declared Lakeland's current rates interim as of May 1, 2009 until such time as a final rate order was issued by the Board.

The EB-2009-0160 Procedural Order made provision for submissions on the rate adder change from parties in the EB-2008-0234 proceeding. No submissions were received.

The Board has reviewed the evidence regarding the Motion to Review and Vary the EB-2008-0234 Decision and approves the change to the smart meter rate adder to \$1.00/metered customer/month.

On May 26, 2009, in anticipation of the Board's decision regarding the Motion to Review and Vary, Lakeland filed a Draft Rate Order which included the smart meter adder change. Parties in this proceeding had the opportunity to file comments within 7 days from the date of the filing of the Draft Rate Order.

The Board received comments from VECC and Board staff which posed questions on revenue to cost ratios and rate design aspects of the Draft Rate Order and the overall

revenue reconciliation. No comments were received from AMPCO, Energy Probe or SEC.

Lakeland responded to these concerns with additional documentation and a revised Draft Rate Order on June 8, 2009.

On June 22, 2009, Lakeland filed a revised Draft Rate Order which included rate riders to recover foregone revenues over the May 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 period. No parties in this proceeding commented on the revised Draft Rate Order. The Board allows Lakeland to recover the foregone distribution revenue for the period from May 1, 2009 to the implementation date for the new rates by means of class-specific rate riders to be in effect until April 30, 2010.

The Board has reviewed the information provided and the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Board's EB-2008-0234 Decision and Order as varied by the aforementioned decision on the EB-2009-0160 Motion.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The EB-2008-0234 Decision and Order is varied by changing the amount of the Smart Meter Funding adder from \$0.25/metered customer/month to \$1.00/metered customer/month.
2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Rate Order is approved, effective May 1, 2009, but implemented July 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 1, 2009.
3. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Board for Lakeland and is final in all respects.
4. Lakeland shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, June 30, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix “A”

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision and Order

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Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.

June 30, 2009

Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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Implementation July 1, 2009

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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).

IMPLEMENTATION DATES

DISTRIBUTION RATES – July 1, 2009 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.
RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – July 1, 2009 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date.
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – July 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.

SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

Residential

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached, semi detached, town house (freehold or condominium) dwelling units, duplexes or triplexes. Supply will be limited up to a maximum of 200 amp @ 240/120 volt. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification refers to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly peak demand is less than or is expected to be less than 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

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 expected to be equal to or greater than 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification refers to a non-residential account taking electricity at 240/120 or 120 volts whose monthly peak demand is less than or expected to be less than 50 kW and is unmetered. A detailed calculation of the load will be calculated for billing purposes. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

Street Lighting

This classification refers to accounts concerning roadway lighting for a Municipality, Regional Municipality, and/or the Ministry of Transportation. This lighting will be controlled by photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times as established in the approved OEB Street Lighting Load Shape Template. Further servicing details are available in our Condition of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Service Charge	\$	16.21
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	0.27
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0161
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0006
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

General Service Less Than 50 kW

Service Charge	\$	37.31
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	1.45
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0001
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0003
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
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 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	515.32
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010	\$	3.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.3284
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	(0.0645)
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0602
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7390
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5184
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)	\$	17.91
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010 (per connection)	\$	0.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0102
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kWh	0.0001
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0006
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
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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Sentinel Lighting

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.62
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010 (per connection)	\$	0.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	13.2273
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	1.6184
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.3558
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2995
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1190
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)	\$	3.46
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until April 30, 2010 (per connection)	\$	0.52
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.2446
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until April 30, 2010	\$/kW	1.5503
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.3387
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2667
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1083
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		
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
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
Special meter reads	\$	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
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Allowances		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)

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(1.00)

Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy %
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	1.0585
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0480