



EB-2008-0245

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 Thunder Bay
Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. 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: Cynthia Chaplin
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville
Member

RATE ORDER

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Thunder Bay" or the "Company") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. On August 22, 2008, Thunder Bay 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 file number EB-2008-0245 to the application and issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on September 22, 2008. The Board approved four interventions: the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC"); the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"); Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe"); and the Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario ("AMPCO"). The Board received one letter of comment regarding Thunder Bay's requested increase to its return on equity.

The Board issued an Interim Rate Order on April 16, 2009 making Thunder Bay's current rates interim, which allowed for an effective date as early as May 1, 2009.

The Board's Decision regarding the Application was issued June 3, 2009. In the Decision, the Board ordered Thunder Bay to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings with an effective date of May 1, 2009. The implementation date of the Final Rate Order is July 1, 2009. The Board directed Thunder Bay to calculate rate riders that would recover two months of foregone revenue.

The Board indicated that it expected Thunder Bay to file detailed supporting material, including all relevant calculations showing the impact of the Decision on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, the allocation of the approved revenue requirement to the classes and the determination of the final rates. Supporting documentation was to include, but not be limited to, filling a completed version of the Revenue Requirement Work Form ("RRWF") excel spreadsheet. The Board further indicated that Thunder Bay should show detailed calculations of the retail transmission service rates and variance account rate riders, and foregone revenue rate rider reflecting the Decision.

Thunder Bay filed a Draft Rate Order on June 17, 2009. The intervenors 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 Energy Probe on June 18, 2009, from VECC on June 19, 2009 and from Board staff on June 23, 2009. No comments were received from AMPCO or SEC.

On July 2, 2009 Thunder Bay responded with an updated Draft Rate Order and RRWF, which implemented the changes suggested by Board staff and Energy Probe, and responded to comments submitted by VECC. Certain other changes suggested by VECC were not implemented as Thunder Bay determined those changes to be immaterial.

The Board has reviewed the information provided and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Rate Order is approved, effective May 1, 2009, but implemented on July 1, 2009 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after July 1, 2009.
2. 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 Westario and is final.
3. Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, July 7, 2009

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary

Appendix "A"
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision
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Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

July 7, 2009

THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC.

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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 an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately 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.

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. This class includes small commercial services such as small stores, small service stations, restaurants, churches, small offices and other establishments with similar loads.

General Service 50 to 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 1,000 kW. This class includes medium and large-size commercial buildings, apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer courts, industrial plants, as well as large stores, shopping centers, hospitals, manufacturing or processing plants, garages, storage buildings, hotels, motels, schools, colleges, arenas and other comparable premises. 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 1,000 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered.

General Service 1,000 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, 1,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

Unmetered Scattered Load

This classification refers to an 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 and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, private sentinel lighting etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturing information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load.

Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light.

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Street Lighting

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Residential

Service Charge	\$	12.72
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	1.50
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0135
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0004
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
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	\$	19.89
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	2.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0131
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0006
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0000
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034
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 999 kW

Service Charge	\$	220.13
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	33.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2274
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kW	0.1637
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0021
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5388)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7259
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3130
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8308
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.4511
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 1,000 to 4,999 kW

Service Charge	\$	2,105.35
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	472.25
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6795
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kW	0.2431
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0028
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5401)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8308
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4511
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)	\$	8.94
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	0.4269
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0130
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kWh	0.0006
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0143
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034
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 (per connection)	\$	6.43
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	0.3070
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.1586
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kW	0.2464
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0000
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective to April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.4162)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3082
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0363
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)	\$	1.25
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Service Charge – effective until August 31, 2009	\$	0.9088
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.5549
Foregone Distribution Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric Rate – effective until August 31, 2009	\$/kW	5.4980
LRAM and SSM Rate Rider – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0000
Deferral Account Rate Rider – effective to April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.4426)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3015
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0150
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
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	25.00
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
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
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
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)
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	1.0448
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0343
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A