



**EB-2009-0235**

**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 London Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **Introduction**

London Hydro Inc. ("London Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, 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, 2010.

London Hydro is one of about 80 electricity distributors in Ontario that are regulated by the Board. In 2008, the Board announced the establishment of a new multi-year electricity distribution rate-setting plan, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("IRM") process, that will be used to adjust electricity distribution rates starting in 2009 for those distributors whose 2008 rates were rebased through a cost of service review.

As part of the plan, London Hydro is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2010 on the basis of the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on July 14, 2008, its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008, and its *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on January 28, 2009 (together the "Reports"). Among other things, the Reports contained the relevant guidelines for 2010 rate adjustments (the "Guidelines") for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On July 22, 2009 the Board issued an update to Chapter 3 of the Board's "Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications" (the "Filing Requirements"), which outlined the filing requirements for IRM applications by electricity distributors.

Notice of London Hydro's rate application was given through newspaper publication in London Hydro's service area advising interested parties where the rate application could be viewed and advising how they could 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. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates;
- Harmonized Sales Tax;
- Smart Meter Funding Adder;
- Revenue-to-Cost Ratios;

- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts; and
- Introduction of MicroFit Generator Service Classification and Rate.

### **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

London Hydro's rate application was filed on the basis of the Guidelines. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for London Hydro, the Board has applied the policies described in the Reports.

As outlined in the Reports, distribution rates under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 0.72% and London Hydro's utility specific stretch factor of 0.4%. Based on the final 2009 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 1.3%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore 0.18%. The Board has adjusted the rate model to reflect the newly calculated price cap index adjustment. The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.

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

- Rate Riders;
- Rate Adders;
- Low Voltage Service Charges;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Rural Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply service – Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;
- Loss Factors;
- Specific Service Charges; and
- Retail Service Charges.

## Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax 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 which was presented on January 27, 2009 and received Royal Assent on March 12, 2009 included an increase in the small business income limit from \$400,000 to \$500,000 effective January 1, 2009.

On March 26, 2009, the Ontario provincial budget was presented and Bill 218, the enabling legislation, received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009. For corporations, the basic income tax rates will decrease in stages from 14% to 10% by July 1, 2013, while on July 1, 2010, the small business rate will drop from 5.5% to 4.5%, after the small business deduction is made where applicable. A provincial small business surtax claws back the benefit of the small business deduction when taxable income of associated corporations exceeds \$500,000 and eliminates the benefit completely once taxable income, on an associated basis, reaches \$1,500,000. The surtax will be eliminated on July 1, 2010.

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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.

The following table summarizes past, current and impending tax changes.

<b>Tax Rates</b>						
<b>Federal &amp; Provincial As of December 15, 2009</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2009</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2010</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2011</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2012</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2013</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2014</b>
<b>Federal income tax</b>						
General corporate rate	38.00%	38.00%	38.00%	38.00%	38.00%	38.00%
Federal tax abatement	-10.00%	-10.00%	-10.00%	-10.00%	-10.00%	-10.00%
Adjusted federal rate	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%
Surtax (4% of line 3)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%
Rate reduction	-9.00%	-10.00%	-11.50%	-13.00%	-13.00%	-13.00%
	19.00%	18.00%	16.50%	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%
<b>Ontario income tax</b>	14.00%	13.00%	11.75%	11.25%	10.50%	10.00%
<b>Combined federal and Ontario</b>	<b>33.00%</b>	<b>31.00%</b>	<b>28.25%</b>	<b>26.25%</b>	<b>25.50%</b>	<b>25.00%</b>
<b>Federal &amp; Ontario Small Business</b>						
Federal small business threshold	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Ontario Small Business Threshold	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Federal small business rate	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%	11.00%
Ontario small business rate	5.50%	5.00%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Ontario surtax claw-back of 4.25% (eliminated July 1, 2010) starts at \$500,000 and eliminates the SBC at \$1,500,000.						
Ontario surtax	4.25%	2.125%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Ontario Capital Tax</b>						
Capital deduction	15,000,000	15,000,000	0	0	0	0
Capital tax rate	0.225%	0.075%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
OCT will be eliminated on July 1, 2010 but tax will be prorated for the first 6 months in 2010.						

The Board is of the view that these tax changes when combined could be material and should be reflected in rates using a 50/50 sharing as determined by the Board in the Reports. Therefore the incentive regulation rate model shall be adjusted accordingly.

### Harmonized Sales Tax

The 8% Ontario provincial sales tax ("PST") and the 5% Federal goods and services tax ("GST") will be harmonized effective July 1, 2010, at 13%, pursuant to Ontario Bill 218 which received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009.

The PST is currently included in a distributor's OM&A expenses and capital expenditures. The PST is therefore included in the distributor's revenue requirement and is recovered from ratepayers through distribution rates.

When the PST and GST are harmonized, distributors will pay the HST on purchased goods and services but will claim an input tax credit ("ITC") for the PST portion. Therefore, the distributor will no longer incur that portion of the tax that was formerly applied as PST.

Board staff submitted that the Board may wish to consider the establishment of a deferral account to record the amounts, after July 1, 2010 and until London Hydro's next cost-of-service rebasing application, that were formerly incorporated as the 8% PST on capital expenditures and expenses incurred, but which will now be eligible for an ITC. This account would track the incremental change due to the introduction of the HST that incorporates an increased ITC from the current 5% to a 13% level.

In response to an interrogatory from Board staff, London Hydro commented that this process would be administratively onerous, and that this change is just one of many changes that distributors experience on a regular basis. In its reply submission, London Hydro reiterated the complexity and magnitude of this matter and submitted that the Board should undertake a consultation process to inform the Board on this matter before making any accounting proposals or recommendations on this issue.

The Board finds that it would not be incrementally onerous for distributors to track the ITC amounts as the distributor will need to file ITC information in GST/HST returns and go through the quantification process to satisfy the requirements by the tax authorities and that the final amounts will be confirmed by the tax authorities. In regulatory parlance, what Staff is suggesting is in the nature of a deferral account, not a variance account, and as such there is no need to compare these amounts with any reference to PST levels reflected in existing rates.

Rather, the issue in the Board's view is whether a distributor's cost reductions arising from the implementation of the HST should be returned to the ratepayers. In that regard, the Board notes that to do so would be consistent with what the Board has done with tax changes in second and third generation IRMs. In second generation IRM, the Board treated 100% of the tax changes as a Z factor. In the third generation IRM, the Board determined that tax changes would be shared equally between ratepayers and

the shareholder. The 50% was considered appropriate as the changes in input prices will flow through the GDP-IPI over time to some degree. The same rationale applies in the case of the HST.

The Board therefore directs that, beginning July 1, 2010, London Hydro shall record in deferral account 1592 (PILs and Tax Variances, Sub-account HST / OVAT Input Tax Credits (ITCs)), the incremental ITC it receives on distribution revenue requirement items that were previously subject to PST and become subject to HST. Tracking of these amounts will continue in the deferral account until the effective date of London Hydro's next cost of service rate order. 50% of the confirmed balances in the account shall be returnable to the ratepayers.

The Board may issue more detailed accounting guidance in the future. In that event, the Applicant should make the appropriate accounting entries, if and as applicable.

### **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. London Hydro is authorized conduct smart meter activities because it is covered by paragraph 8 of section 1(1) of O. Reg. 427/06.

London Hydro requested the continuance of its standard smart meter funding adder of \$1.00 per metered customer per month. The Board approves the funding adder as proposed by London Hydro. This funding adder will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges. London Hydro's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, shall also be continued

The Board notes that the smart meter funding adder of \$1.00 per metered customer per month is intended to provide funding for London Hydro's smart metering activities in the 2010 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 London Hydro applies for the recovery of these costs.

### Revenue-to-Cost Ratios

Revenue-to-cost ratios measure the relationship between the revenues expected from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. The Board has established target Ratio ranges (the “Target Ranges”) for Ontario electricity distributors in its report *Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors*, dated November 28, 2007.

The Board’s Decision (EB-2008-0235) for London Hydro’s 2009 cost of service rate application prescribed a phase-in period to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios.

London Hydro proposed to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios as shown in Column 2 In the table below.

**London Hydro’s Revenue-to-Cost Ratios (%)<sup>2</sup>**

Rate Class	2009 Ratio Column 1	Proposed 2010 Ratio Column 2	Target Range Column 3
Residential	109.00	108.13	85 - 115
General Service Less Than 50 kW	112.70	108.80	80 - 120
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW	80.00	80.00	80 - 180
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW (CoGeneration)	209.90	180.00	80 - 180
Standby Power	80.00	80.00	n/a
Large Use	73.50	85.00	85 - 115
Unmetered Scattered Load	69.20	80.00	80 - 120
Sentinel Lighting	42.30	70.00	70 - 120
Street Lighting	43.60	70.00	70 - 120

The Board finds that the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios are in accordance with the Board’s findings in the decision referenced above. The Board therefore approves the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios.

<sup>2</sup> This table has been revised April 7, 2010. No impact on decision.



## Retail Transmission Service Rates

Electricity distributors are charged the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates (“UTRs”) at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates (“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 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).

On May 28, 2009, the Board issued its Decision and Rate Order in proceeding EB-2008-0272, which set new UTRs for Ontario transmitters, effective July 1, 2009. The new UTRs effective July 1, 2009 were as follows:

- Network Service Rate was increased from \$2.57 to \$2.66 per kW per month, a 3.5% increase;
- Line Connection Service Rate remained unchanged at \$0.70 per kW per month; and
- Transformation Connection Service Rate was decreased from \$1.62 to \$1.57 per kW per month, for a combined Line and Transformation Connection Service Rates reduction of 2.2%.

On July 22, 2009 the Board issued an amended “Guideline for *Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates*” (“RTSR Guideline”), which provided electricity distributors with instructions on the evidence needed, and the process to be used, to adjust RTSRs to reflect the changes in the UTRs effective July 1, 2009. The Board set as a proxy at that time an increase of 3.5% for the Network Service Rate and reduction of 2.2% for the combined Line and Transformation Connection Service Rates. The Board also noted that there would be further changes to the UTRs in January 2010. The objective of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in deferral accounts 1584 and 1586.

On January 21, 2010, the Board approved new UTRs effective January 1, 2010. The new UTRs were as follows:

- Network Service Rate has increased from \$2.66 to \$2.97 per kW per month, an 11.7% increase over the July 1, 2009 level or 15.6% over the rate in effect prior to July 1, 2009;
- Line Connection Service Rate has increased from \$0.70 to \$0.73 per kW per month; and
- Transformation Connection Service Rate has increased from \$1.57 to \$1.71 per kW per month, for a combined Line and Transformation Connection Service Rates increase of 7.5% over the July 1, 2009 level or 5.2% over the rate in effect prior to July 1, 2009.

London Hydro did not propose any changes to its RTS rates since its existing rates already reflect the UTRs that became effective July 1, 2009. In its submission, Board staff suggested that London Hydro's RTSR rate may no longer be reasonable based on the January 1, 2010 level of the UTRs.

The Board notes that London Hydro agreed to reflect the January 1, 2010 UTRs. Therefore, in accordance with the July 22, 2009 RTSR Guideline, the Board finds that the revisions to the RTSRs ought to reflect the changes from the current level over the to the January 1, 2010 level. This represents an increase of about 11.7% to the RTSR Network Service rate, and an increase of about 7.5% to the RTSR Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate. The Board will reflect these findings in London Hydro's draft Rate Order.

### **Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts**

*The Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Report* (the "EDDVAR Report") provides that, during the IRM plan term, the distributor's Group 1 account balances will be reviewed and disposed of if the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh (debit or credit) is exceeded. The onus is on the distributor to justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed of.

London Hydro's Group 1 account balances did not exceed the preset disposition threshold referenced above. The Board therefore finds that no disposition is required at this time.

### **Introduction of MicroFit Generator Service Classification and Rate**

Ontario's Feed-In Tariff (FIT) program for renewable energy generation was established in the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*. The program includes a stream called Micro FIT, which is designed to encourage homeowners, businesses and others to generate renewable energy with projects of 10 kilowatts (kW) or less.

In its EB-2009-0326 Decision and Order, issued February 23, 2010, the Board approved the following service classification definition, which is to be used by all licensed distributors:

microFIT Generator

*This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Ontario Power Authority's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system.*

On March 17, 2010, the Board approved a province-wide fixed service charge of \$5.25 per month for all electricity distributors effective September 21, 2009.

The microFIT Generator service classification and the service charge will be included in the Tariffs of Rates and Charges.

### **Rate Model**

The Board is providing London Hydro with a rate model (spreadsheet) and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) that reflects the elements of this Decision. The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2009 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

**The Board Orders That:**

1. London Hydro's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2010.
2. London Hydro shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. London Hydro shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the completeness and accuracy of the 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 London Hydro to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 1 of this Decision and Order:

3. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this order will become final, effective May 1, 2010, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2010.

If the Board receives a submission by London Hydro 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 London Hydro and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

4. London Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
5. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, London Hydro shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 31, 2010

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**  
**To Decision and Order**  
**EB-2009-0235**  
**March 31, 2010**

**London Hydro Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2010**  
**except for the microFIT Generator Class effective date of September 21, 2009**

**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. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. Multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk meter) shall be classified as General Service. Where electricity service is provided to combined residential and business (including agricultural) usage and the wiring does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of London Hydro and should be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro'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 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 or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the 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.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges or assessments that are required by law to be charged by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, charges for Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Provincial Benefit and any applicable taxes.

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	12.59
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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 LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	29.27
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0016)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

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 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. Note that for the determination of the billing demand and 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 199 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 4,999 kW interval metered.

Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	289.64
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6052
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.0171)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.5778)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0071
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6556
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.5738
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.3070

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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 (Co-Generation) SERVICE  
CLASSIFICATION**

Embedded generation, co-generation or load displacement customers have the option to reserve demand capacity on the London Hydro distribution system for import load through mutual agreement/contract. For the embedded generation customers with a gross peak demand annual average of less than 1,000 kW and equal to or greater than 50 kW per month, the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW distribution rates will be applied, as long as there is no requirement for reserve capacity from the customer. For the embedded generation customers with a gross peak demand annual average of less than 50 kW per month, the General Service Less Than 50 kW distribution rates will be applied, as long as there is no requirement for reserve capacity from the customer. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service.

**APPLICATION**

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**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	2,272.27
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.9642
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.0337)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.2552)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9712
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4403

**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

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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## LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	20,421.99
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2552
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.0241)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.7001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6365
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.3070

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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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## 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 level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information /documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.41
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	(0.0016)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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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## **STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation and requires London Hydro to provide back-up service. The distribution Standby Power rate will be applied to all monthly kW's reserved. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS**

Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility).	\$/kW	2.3733
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.0138)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.2552)

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## **SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.10
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.0297
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.1253)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.4643)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7697
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4596

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

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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## **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 OEB street lighting load shape template. Further servicing details are available in London Hydro's Conditions of Service.

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.0355
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.0897)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	(0.2904)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7673
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4578

### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component**

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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## **microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component – effective September 21, 2009**

Service Charge	\$	5.25
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**ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES****APPLICATION**

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<b>Customer Administration</b>		
Easement letter	\$	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
<b>Non-Payment of Account</b>		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of Account Charge – No Disconnection	\$	10.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – During regular hours	\$	35.00
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
Meter Interrogation Charge	\$	5.50
Special Meter Reads	\$	30.00
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 – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Service Call – After regular hours	\$	165.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35



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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 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**

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	1.0409
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0141
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0305
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0041