



**EB-2009-0227**

**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 Halton Hills  
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**

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("Halton Hills"), 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.

Halton Hills 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, Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills' rate application was given through newspaper publication in Halton Hills' 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. Board staff participated in the proceeding. 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**

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

As outlined in the Reports, distribution rates under the 3rd Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 0.72% and Halton Hills' 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.

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

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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.

<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 passed on to ratepayers using a 50/50 sharing as determined by the Board in the Reports.

Using the Boards rate model, Halton Hills' tax sharing amount is a refund of \$36,367. This amount when unitized using Halton Hills' volumetric billing determinants results in \$(0.0000) energy-based kWh rate riders when rounded to four decimal places and \$(0.00) demand-based kW rate riders when rounded to two decimal places. In its submission, Board staff suggested that the Board may wish to consider directing Halton Hills to record the tax sharing refund amount of \$36,367 in variance account 1595 for disposition in a future rate setting. In its reply submission, Halton Hills agreed with Board staff's suggestion. The Board agrees and orders Halton Hills to record the tax sharing refund amount of \$36,367 in variance account 1595.

## 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 Halton Hills' 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.

Halton Hills stated that it did not agree to capture in a variance account the potential reduction in OM&A and capital expenditures since PST is a commodity tax, not an income tax, and should not be given the same treatment with respect to rate adjustments.

The Board does not accept Halton Hill's characterization of the new tax from the perspective of ratemaking. 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, Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills' 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. Halton Hills is authorized conduct smart meter activities because it is covered by paragraph 8 of section 1(1) of O. Reg. 427/06.

Halton Hills requested the continuation of its standard smart meter funding adder of \$1.00 per metered customer per month. The Board approves the funding adder as proposed by Halton Hills. This funding adder will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and

Charges. Halton Hills' 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 Halton Hills' 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 Halton Hills 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-2007-0696) for Halton Hills' 2008 cost of service rate application prescribed a phase-in period to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios.

Halton Hills proposed to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios as shown in Column 2 in the table below.

**Halton Hills' Revenue-to-Cost Ratios (%)**

Rate Class	2009 Ratio	Proposed 2010 Ratio	Target Range
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Residential	90.93	90.93	85 - 115
Residential - Time of Use	0.00	0.00	85 - 115
General Service Less Than 50 kW	95.98	95.98	80 - 120
General Service 50 to 999 kW	156.60	150.49	80 - 180
General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW	125.83	119.72	80 - 180
Unmetered Scattered Load	93.49	93.49	80 - 120
Sentinel Lighting	51.24	63.30	70 - 120
Street Lighting	33.30	57.75	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.

### **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.

Halton Hills proposed to change the existing RTS rates by the same proportions as the changes in the UTRs noted above effective July 1, 2009. Therefore, Halton Hills has proposed to increase all of its RTS Network Rates by 3.5%, and decrease all of its RTS Connection Rates by 2.2%. However, in its reply submission, Halton Hills agreed with Board staff that the RTSR rates should reflect the January 1, 2010 UTRs.

The Board notes that very few distributors, including Halton Hills, included in their 2009 rates the July 1, 2009 level of UTRs since for most of them distribution rates would have been implemented on May 1, 2009. The Board also notes that Halton Hills 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 (i.e. rate in effect prior to July 1, 2009) over the to the January 1, 2010 level. This represents an increase of about 15.6% to the RTSR Network Service rate, and an increase of about 5.2% to the RTSR Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate. The Board will reflect these findings in Halton Hills' 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.

With respect to the disposition period, the EDDVAR Report states that the default position would be one year.

**(i) Balances**

Halton Hills has requested that the Board review and approve the disposition of the December 31, 2008 Group 1 account balances as defined by the EDDVAR Report since the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh was exceeded.

Halton Hills originally reported a credit balance of \$425,069 in the global adjustment sub-account. In its submission, Board staff noted that a credit balance in the global adjustment sub-account would be the exception for Ontario electricity distributors and invited Halton Hills to provide an explanation of this unusual result. In its reply submission, Halton Hills indicated that it conducted a thorough review of all Group 1 account balances and as a result, Halton Hills revised its Group 1 account balances. The revised combined total of Group 1 account balance is a debit of \$1,528,642, which includes a debit balance of \$624,573 in the 1588 global adjustment sub-account. (Credit balances are amounts payable to customers and debit balances are amounts recoverable from customers). Halton Hills has included interest on these account balances using the Board's prescribed interest rates to April 30, 2010. Halton Hills' revised account balances as at December 31, 2008, plus projected carrying charges to April 30, 2010, are shown below.

**Halton Hills' Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances (\$)**

Account Description	Account Number	Principal Amounts A	Interest Amounts B	Total Claim C = A + B
LV Variance Account	1550	147,411	7,330	154,741
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(573,648 )	82,579	(491,069 )
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(44,308 )	109,179	64,871
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(873,118 )	(253 )	(873,371 )
RSVA - Power (Excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	1,284,956	526,154	1,811,110
RSVA - Power (Global Adjustment Sub-account)	1588	597,759	26,814	624,573
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590	303,989	(66,202 )	237,787
		<u>843,041</u>	<u>685,601</u>	<u>1,528,642</u>

The Board notes that no material differences exist between the amounts reported by Halton Hills as part of the Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (“RRR”) and the revised amounts sought for disposition. The Board approves the proposed balances for Group 1 accounts as presented by Halton Hills. The December 31, 2008 balances and projected interest to April 30, 2010 are considered final. For accounting purposes, the respective balance in each of the Group 1 accounts shall be transferred to account 1595 as soon as possible but no later than June 30, 2010 so that the RRR data reported in the second quarter of 2010 reflect these adjustments.

**(ii) *Disposition***

The EDDVAR Report includes guidelines on the cost allocation methodology and the rate rider derivation for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances. The Board notes that Halton Hills followed the guidelines outlined in the EDDVAR Report and approves Halton Hills’ proposals except for the treatment of global adjustment sub-account balance.

The EDDVAR Report adopted an allocation of the global adjustment sub-account balance based on kWh for non-RPP customers by rate class. Traditionally, this allocation would then be combined with all other allocated variance account balances by rate class. The combined balance by rate class would be divided by the volumetric billing determinants from the most recent audited year-end or Board-approved forecast, if available. This approach spreads the recovery or refund of the allocated account balances to all customers in the affected rate class.

This method was based on two premises. First, the recovery/refund of a variance unique to a subset of customers within a rate class would not be unfair to the rate class as a whole. Second, the distributors’ existing billing system may not be capable of billing a subset of customers within a rate class.

Subsequent to the issuance of the EDDVAR Report, exogenous events have resulted in increased balances in the global adjustment sub-account for most electricity distributors. Board staff suggested that the Board may wish to consider establishing a separate rate rider for the disposition of the global adjustment sub-account balance enabling the prospective recovery solely from non-RPP customers, as this would be more reflective of cost causality since it was that group of customers that was undercharged by the distributor in the first place. Alternatively, Board staff suggested that the Board may

wish to consider the recovery of the allocated global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in each class, as this approach would recognize the customer migration that might occur both away from the non-RPP customer group and into the non-RPP customer group.

In response to an interrogatory from Board staff, Halton Hills agreed in principle with Board staff that the establishment of a separate rate rider that would be prospectively applied to non-RPP customers would be more reflective of cost causality. Halton Hills however noted that customer migration would remain an issue.

In response to Board staff interrogatory, Halton Hills indicated that its current billing system could not readily accommodate a separate rate rider that would apply prospectively to non-RPP customers to dispose of the global adjustment sub-account balance.

While the Board agrees in principle with Board staff that a separate rate rider should apply to non-RPP customers to dispose of the global adjustment sub-account balance, the Board however acknowledges that Halton Hills does not readily have the billing capability to implement such a change. Considering Halton Hills's current billing constraints, the Board will approve at this time the disposition of the allocated global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in the affected rate class.

The Board directs Halton Hills to further investigate and report to the Board in a proceeding no later than the rebasing proceeding, Halton Hill's projection of the costs that would need to be incurred in order to accommodate the establishment of a separate rate rider to dispose of the global adjustment sub-account.

Halton Hills requested the disposition of its Group 1 account balance over a three year period in order to minimize rate volatility. Board staff submitted that a disposition period no longer than one year would be appropriate for all Group 1 account since these balances have been accumulating over the last four year period and to delay any immediate action would not be in the interest of all parties. In its reply submission, Halton Hills proposed a two year disposition period as a result of its revised Group 1 account balances. The Board accepts in principle Board staff's rationale for a disposition period of one year and adopts it subject to reasonable justification that the disposition period should be lengthened. The Board finds that Halton Hills' rationale for proposing to extend the disposition is reasonable and therefore approves a disposition period of two years in this case.

## **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 Halton Hills 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. Halton Hills' new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2010.
2. Halton Hills shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

4. Halton Hills shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 1, 2010

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**  
**To Decision and Order**  
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**April 1, 2010**

# Halton Hills 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. 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. The customer will be supplied at one service entrance only. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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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.

## RESIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL Time-of-USE

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	12.88
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0120
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040

### 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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**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
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**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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## GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential 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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	28.13
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0089
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037

### 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 999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	77.45
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4507
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4340
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.3573
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0497
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.2197
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9135
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5865

### 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 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	176.84
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.6789
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4677
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.3753
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0522
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.3005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	1.9135
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.5865

#### 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**

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	12.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037

### **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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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.0136
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3351
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0704
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.4161
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3656
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1422

### 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

All services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for the Municipality, the Region or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Street Lighting plant, facilities, or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements and Halton Hills Hydro specifications. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.86
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	25.2517
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3311
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.4488
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2009) – effective until April 30, 2011	\$/kW	0.0625
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.3167
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3588
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1188

## 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**

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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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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	\$	(0.50)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### APPLICATION

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#### Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	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
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
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

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

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Interval Meter Charge	\$	20.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles (\$/pole/year)	\$	22.35

## **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

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## **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	1.0499
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0395
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A