

EB-2009-0143

**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 Essex Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle

**Presiding Member** 

### **RATE ORDER**

Essex Powerlines Corporation ("Essex" or "the Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on September 28, 2009 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Essex charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2010.

On March 3, 2010, the Board issued its Decision on the Settlement Agreement accepting it as filed and indicated that the unsettled issues would be addressed by written submission. The Board received written submissions from Intervenors and Board staff on March 5, 2010 and received Reply submissions from Essex on March 12, 2010. The Board issued its Decision on the application on April 1, 2010. In the Decision, the Board ordered the Applicant to file a draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings in the Decision. The Board approved both an effective date and implementation date of May 1, 2010.

Essex filed a draft Rate Order and supporting material on April 15, 2010. Two intervenors and Board staff filed their comments on the draft Rate Order. Essex filed revised documentation in response to the comments on April 23, 2010.

The Board has reviewed all of the information provided in support of the draft Rate Order and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges 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, 2010 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous Tariff of Rates and Charges approved by the Ontario Energy Board for the Essex Powerlines Corporation service area, and is final in all respects.
- 3. Essex Powerlines Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 29, 2010

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## **APPENDIX A**

## TO RATE ORDER

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## Essex Powerlines Corporation TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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

Service Charge	\$	12.55
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0148
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

Service Charge	\$	20.59
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$	1.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
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 2,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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#### **APPLICATION**

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

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$ \$	300.00 1.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW \$/kW	2.8494 0.3506
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	Ψ/ΚΨΨ	0.0000
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.1219)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2431)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0651
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9235
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.5440
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.1317

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## **GENERAL SERVICE 3,000 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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#### **APPLICATION**

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

Service Charge Smart Meter Funding Adder Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$ \$/kW	1,993.42 1.96 1.8485
Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	0.4094
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW \$/kW	(0.6753) (1.0514)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW \$/kW	2.5440 2.1317

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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\$/kWh

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account 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, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$/kWh	8.91 0.0278
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0007)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

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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)	\$	2.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.8683
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2816
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.1061)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2610)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5899
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4662

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 refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, 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 the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.7426
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2798
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.0940)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.1344)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	ì.5677 <sup>°</sup>
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4569
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013

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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

## **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)

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## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears Certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	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
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	444444	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 Charge - At Meter - During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - 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
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	\$	1,000.00
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	1.0602
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0496
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5.000 kW	N/A