



**EB-2010-0126**

**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 E.L.K. Energy Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2011.

**By delegation, before:** Allan Fogwill

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

### **Introduction**

E.L.K. Energy Inc. ("E.L.K. Energy"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 27, 2010, 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 E.L.K. Energy charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

E.L.K. Energy is one of 80 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. E.L.K. Energy is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2011 on the basis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("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 Cost of Capital and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "Report") on

December 20, 2006. Among other things, the Report contained the relevant guidelines for 2011 rate adjustments for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On July 9, 2010 the Board issued an update to Chapter 3 of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the "Filing Requirements"), which outlines the Filing Requirements for IRM applications based on the policies in the Report.

Notice of E.L.K. Energy's rate application was given through newspaper publication in E.L.K. Energy'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. No letters of comments and no intervenor requests were received. Board staff participated in the proceeding. This application proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While I have considered the entire record in this proceeding, this Decision and Order makes reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to my findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates;
- Smart Meter Funding Adder;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts; and
- Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs.

### **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

E.L.K. Energy's rate application was filed on the basis of the Filing Requirements. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for E.L.K. Energy, I have applied the policies described in the Filing Requirements and the Report.

As outlined in the Report, distribution rates under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator less a productivity factor (X-factor) of 1.0%. Based on the final 2010 data published by Statistics Canada, the Board has established the price escalator to be 1.3%. The resulting price cap index adjustment is therefore 0.3%. The rate model reflects this 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 delivery 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;
- MicroFIT Service Charge; and
- Retail Service Charges.

### **Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates**

In 2011, the maximum income tax rate is 28.25%, the minimum rate for those distributors eligible for both the federal and Ontario small business deduction is 15.50%, and the blended tax rate varies for certain distributors that are only eligible for the Ontario small business deduction. The model provided to distributors calculates the amount of change caused by the tax rate reductions and adjusts distribution rates by 100% of the total change from those taxes included in the most recent cost of service base distribution rates.

I find that a 100% flow through of the impact of changes from the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates to the currently known legislated tax level for 2011 is appropriate and shall be effected by means of an adjustment to the Monthly Service Charges and the Volumetric Distribution Charges.

### **Smart Meter Funding Adder**

On October 22, 2008 the Board issued the *Guideline for Smart Meter Funding and Cost Recovery* which sets out the Board's filing requirements in relation to the funding and

recovery of costs associated with smart meter activities conducted by electricity distributors.

E.L.K. Energy requested to change its utility-specific smart meter funding adder ("SMFA") from \$1.00 to \$1.45 per metered customer per month.

It is noted that the SMFA is a tool designed to provide advance funding and to mitigate the anticipated rate impact of smart meter costs when recovery of those costs is approved by the Board (G-2008-0002). Also, the SMFA was not intended to be compensatory (return on and of capital) on a cumulative basis over the term the SMFA was in effect. The SMFA was initially designed to fund future investment, not fully fund prior capital investment. Such treatment increases the risk, absent a prudence review, of over recovery.

The Board expects distributors to file for a final prudence review at the earliest possible opportunity following the availability of audited costs. For those distributors that are scheduled to file a cost-of-service application for 2012 distribution rates, the Board expects that they will apply for the disposition of smart meter costs and subsequent inclusion in rate base. For those distributors that are scheduled to remain on IRM, the Board expects these distributors to file an application with the Board seeking final approval for smart meter related costs. I will approve E.L.K. Energy's SMFA of \$1.45 per metered customer per month from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. This new SMFA will be reflected in the Tariff of Rates and Charges, and will cease on April 30, 2012. E.L.K. Energy's variance accounts for smart meter program implementation costs, previously authorized by the Board, shall be continued.

I have 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 E.L.K. Energy applies for the recovery of these costs on a final basis, if applicable.

### **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”). Variance 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., variance accounts 1584 and 1586).

On July 8, 2010 the Board issued revision 2.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the “RTSR Guideline”). The RTSR Guideline outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2011. The RTSR Guideline requires electricity distributors to adjust their RTSRs based on a comparison of historical transmission costs adjusted for the new UTR levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. The objective of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in accounts 1584 and 1586. In order to assist electricity distributors in the calculation of the distributor’s specific RTSRs, Board staff provided a filing module. On January 18, 2011, the Board issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2010-0002) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2011. The new UTRs are shown in the following table:

Table 1 - Uniform Transmission Rates	kW Monthly Rates		Change
	Jan 1, 2010	Jan 1, 2011	
Network Service Rate	\$2.97	\$3.22	+8.4%
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>			
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.73	\$0.79	
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.71	\$1.77	
			+4.9%

Each distributor’s rate application model has been adjusted to incorporate these changes.

Based on the filing module provided by Board staff and the new UTRs effective January 1, 2011 noted in the table above, I approve the changes to the RSTRs calculated in the filing module.

### **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 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.

**(i) Balances**

E.L.K. Energy requested that the Board review and approve the disposition of the December 31, 2009 Group 1 account balances as defined by the EDDVAR Report since the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh was exceeded. The combined total of Group 1 account balances is a debit of \$1,548,504 (debit balances are amounts recoverable from customers). E.L.K. Energy included interest on these account balances using the Board’s prescribed interest rates to April 30, 2011. E.L.K. Energy’s account balances as at December 31, 2009, plus projected carrying charges to April 30, 2011, are shown below (“\$”).

**Table 2 – Deferral and Variance Account Balances**

Account Description	Account Number	Principal Amounts	Interest Amounts	Total Claim
		A	B	C = A + B
LV Variance Account	1550	0	0	0
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	217,602	2,206	219,808
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(677,170)	(6,867)	(684,037)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	394,682	4,002	398,684
RSVA - Power (Excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	78,460	796	79,256
RSVA - Power (Global Adjustment Sub-account)	1588	1,788,799	18,138	1,806,937
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590	(269,412)	(2,732)	(272,144)
		<u>1,532,961</u>	<u>15,543</u>	<u>1,548,504</u>

In its submission, Board staff noted that the proposed balances for disposition reconcile with E.L.K. Energy’s Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (“RRR”), and that the balances should be approved for disposition on a final basis.

I approve the proposed balances for Group 1 accounts as presented by E.L.K. Energy. The December 31, 2009 balances and projected interest up to April 30, 2011 are considered final. For accounting purposes, the respective balance in each of the Group 1 accounts shall be transferred to the applicable sub-accounts in account 1595 established by the Board pursuant to the December 23, 2010 Frequently Asked Questions document accompanying the Accounting Procedures Handbook for disposition of balances in 2010, as soon as possible but no later than June 30, 2011 so

that the RRR data reported in the second quarter of 2011 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. I note that E.L.K. Energy followed the guidelines outlined in the EDDVAR Report.

E.L.K. Energy requested the disposition of its Group 1 account balance over a one year period. Board staff agreed with E.L.K. Energy's proposal on the basis that this would be in accordance with the EDDVAR Report. I accept the disposition period of one year proposed by E.L.K. Energy.

**(iii) Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition**

Consistent with the Board's Decision and Order in its 2010 IRM application (EB-2009-0197), E.L.K. Energy proposed to continue the disposition of the allocated global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in the affected rate class. E.L.K. Energy indicated that it will further investigate and report to the Board, in a proceeding no later than its next rebasing application, E.L.K. Energy's projection of the costs that it would incur to accommodate a separate rate rider that would prospectively apply to non-RPP customers only.

In its submission, Board staff noted that in its Decision and Order in the EB-2009-0197 proceeding, the Board agreed 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. However, E.L.K. Energy noted in that proceeding that its billing system was not capable of implementing such a change. As a result, the Board approved the disposition of the allocated global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in the affected rate class. Board staff further noted that in that decision the Board further directed E.L.K. Energy to investigate and report to the Board, in a proceeding no later than E.L.K. Energy's next rebasing application, E.L.K. Energy's projection of the costs that it would incur to accommodate a separate rate rider that would prospectively apply to non-RPP customers only.

I will approve at this time the continued disposition of the global adjustment sub-account balance from all customers in the affected rate class.

## Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs

In its application, E.L.K. Energy requested the recovery of a one time expense of \$28,388 related to the late payment penalty (“LPP”) costs and damages resulting from a court settlement that addressed litigation against many of the former municipal electricity utilities in Ontario.

On October 29, 2010 the Board commenced a generic proceeding on its own motion to determine whether Affected Electricity Distributors<sup>1</sup>, including E.L.K. Energy, should be allowed to recover from their ratepayers the costs and damages incurred as a result of the Minutes of Settlement approved on April 21, 2010 by the Honourable Mr. Justice Cumming of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Court File No. 94-CQ-r0878) and as amended by addenda dated July 7, 2010 and July 8, 2010 in the late payment penalty class action and if so, the form and timing of such recovery. This proceeding was assigned file No. EB-2010-0295.

On February 22, 2011, the Board issued its Decision and Order and determined that it is appropriate for the Affected Electricity Distributors to be eligible to recover the costs and damages associated with the LPP class action in rates. The decision set out a listing of each Affected Electricity Distributor and their share of the class action costs that is approved for recovery. The Board also directed Affected Electricity Distributors such as E.L.K. Energy to file with the Board detailed calculations including supporting documentation, outlining the derivation of the rate riders based on the methodology outlined in the EB-2010-0295 Decision and Order. The Board noted that the rate riders submitted would be verified in each Affected Electricity Distributor’s IRM or cost of service application, as applicable. E.L.K. Energy elected to recover the amount approved in the EB-2010-0295 proceeding and accordingly filed the associated rate riders.

I have reviewed E.L.K. Energy’s proposed rate riders and approve them as filed.

## Rate Model

With this Decision, E.L.K. Energy is being provided with a rate model (spreadsheet) and applicable supporting models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) that reflects the elements of this Decision. The entries in the rate model have been

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in the Board’s Decision and Order EB-2010-0295



reviewed to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2010 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. E.L.K. Energy's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2011.
2. E.L.K. Energy shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. E.L.K. Energy 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.
3. If the Board receives a submission from E.L.K. Energy confirming the completeness and accuracy pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this order will become final, effective May 1, 2011, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2011. E.L.K. Energy shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
4. If the Board receives a submission from E.L.K. Energy to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the Board will consider the submission of E.L.K. Energy and may issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
5. E.L.K. Energy shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2010-0126**, be made through the Board's web portal at, [www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca) and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). If the web portal is not available parties may email their

document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 28, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Allan Fogwill  
Managing Director  
Planning & Business Services

**Appendix A**

**To Decision and Order**

**Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**Board File No: EB-2010-0126**

**DATED: March 28, 2011**

# E.L.K. Energy Inc.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2011

**This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors**

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a service which is less than 50 kW supplied to a single family dwelling unit that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At E.L.K.'s discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor'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 Conservation and Renewable Energy Program, the Provincial Benefit and any applicable taxes.

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	11.13
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0086
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

**E.L.K. Energy Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
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## **GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to premises other than those designated as residential and do not exceed 50 kW in any month of the year. This includes multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk-metered). 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	\$	11.06
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.12
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

### **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

**E.L.K. Energy Inc.**  
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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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor'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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	436.99
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	7.59
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8308
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5822
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	5.9562
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1237
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6243

### 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 TIME-OF-USE 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 and that are currently classified as Time of Use. 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	\$	842.45
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	1.45
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	7.59
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.1253
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6632
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0658
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2528
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7964

**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 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. E.L.K. is not in the practice of connecting new unmetered scattered load services. 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.

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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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.54
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.04
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

### 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. E.L.K. is not in the practice of connecting new unmetered scattered load services. Further servicing details are available in the distributor'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.

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.40
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.7508
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6099
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2829

### **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 refers to supply to street lighting equipment owned by and operated for a municipal corporation. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. 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)	\$	0.01
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs (per customer)		
– effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.0974
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4394
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	0.0209
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6017
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2565

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

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Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0013
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## **microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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

Service Charge	\$	5.25
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### **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
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 charge (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 charge - At Meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00

Install/Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
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 – 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	1.0791
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0683
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A