



EB-2010-0118

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 Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. 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: Adrian Pye

DECISION AND ORDER

Introduction

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. ("Welland Hydro"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 29, 2011 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 Welland Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2011.

Welland Hydro is one of 80 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. In 2008, the Board announced the establishment of a new multi-year electricity distribution rate-setting plan, the 3rd Generation Incentive Rate Mechanism ("IRM") process, which would 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, Welland Hydro is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2011 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 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on July 14, 2008, its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008, and its *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3rd 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 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 Reports.

Notice of Welland Hydro's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Welland Hydro's service area advising interested parties where the rate application could be viewed and advising how they could intervene in the proceeding or comment on the application. No requests for intervenor status or letters of comment 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 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;
- Smart Meter Funding Adder;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates; and
- Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs.

Price Cap Index Adjustment

Welland Hydro's rate application was filed on the basis of the Filing Requirements. In fixing new distribution rates and charges for Welland Hydro, I have applied the policies described in the Filing Requirements and 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 Welland Hydro's utility specific stretch factor of 0.4%. 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 0.18%. 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 Charges; and
- Retail Service Charges.

Changes in the Federal and Provincial Income Tax Rates

In its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* dated September 17, 2008, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of currently known legislated changes, as applied to the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates for a distributor, is appropriate for the 3rd Generation IRM applications. This was based on a decision of the Board in a proceeding in relation to natural gas distributors' (EB-2007-0606/615) incentive regulation applications in which tax as a Z-factor was being considered. In this decision, the Board found that a 50/50 sharing is appropriate because it recognizes that tax changes already flow to some extent through the inflation factor, though the precise timing and quantum of the tax reduction during a current IRM period is not known.

The calculated annual tax reduction over the plan term will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the Board-approved base-year distribution revenue. These amounts will be refunded to customers each year of the plan term, over a 12-month period, through a volumetric rate rider derived using annualized consumption by customer class underlying the Board-approved base 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 50% of the total change from those taxes included in the most recent cost of service base distribution rates.

I find that a 50/50 sharing 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 a rate rider over a one-year period.

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.

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.

Welland Hydro requested to change its utility-specific smart meter funding adder ("SMFA") from \$1.81 to \$2.11 per metered customer per month. Since the deployment of smart meters on a province-wide basis is now nearing completion, 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 Welland Hydro's request for a SMFA of \$2.11 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. Welland Hydro'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 Welland Hydro applies for the recovery of these costs on a final basis, if applicable.

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.

Welland Hydro's Group 1 account balances did not exceed the preset disposition threshold referenced above. I therefore find that no disposition is required at this time.

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:

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 RTSRs calculated in the filing module.

Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs

In this application, Welland Hydro requested the recovery of a one time expense of \$74,531.55 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 Distributors¹, including Welland Hydro, 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 Welland Hydro 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. Welland Hydro elected to recover the amount approved in the EB-2010-0295 proceeding and accordingly filed the associated rate riders.

I have reviewed Welland Hydro's proposed rate riders and approve them as filed.

Rate Model

With this Decision, Welland Hydro 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 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.

¹ As defined in the Board's Decision and Order EB-2010-0295

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Welland Hydro's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2011.
2. Welland Hydro shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Welland Hydro shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the completeness and accuracy of the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within seven (7) calendar days of the date of this Decision and Order.
3. If the Board receives a submission from Welland Hydro 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. Welland Hydro 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 Welland Hydro 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 Welland Hydro and may issue a revised final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
5. Welland Hydro 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-2010-0118**, be made through the Board's web portal at, 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. 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

Adrian Pye
Manager, Licence Applications

Appendix A

To Decision and Order

Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No: EB-2010-0118

DATED: March 28, 2011

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

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 the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. 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	\$	14.24
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0143
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0070
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings. 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	\$	24.58
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.41
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0007
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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

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GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings. 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	\$	336.53
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	3.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.4118
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2624
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.3772)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0218)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0191
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5089
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.0028
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8074

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

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

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LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater 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	\$	12,872.86
Smart Meter Funding Adder – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	221.67
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.8686
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2113
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.3003)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.0130)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4675
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0070

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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Unmetered or flat connections are permitted with the approval of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Engineering Department. Flat rate connects may include, but are not limited to, Traffic Lights, Street Lights, Bus Shelters, and Signs. Energy consumption is determined by information provided by the customer and/or load measurement taken by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. following connection of the flat service. 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)	\$	13.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0092
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0072
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0011)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

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 an account for roadway lighting not classified as unmetered or street lighting. The consumption for the customer will be based on the calculated connected load times a twelve hour day times the applicable billing period. 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)	\$	2.62
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.0054
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.3050
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.4349)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1081)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8805
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4054

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 the Street Lighting system owned by the City of Welland. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. provides new installations and maintenance of the street lighting system, as required by the City of Welland. 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)	\$	2.49
Rate Rider for Recovery of Late Payment Penalty Litigation Costs – effective until April 30, 2012	\$	0.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.7068
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2562
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.3721)
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2012	\$/kW	(0.1886)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8764
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4023

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

Service Charge	\$	5.25
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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.70)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	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
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install / Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect / Reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00

Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Meter upgrade requested by customer plus installation – per month plus installation on a time and material basis.	\$	10.00

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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	1.0532
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0427
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045