



**EB-2007-0723**

**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 PUC  
Distribution Inc. pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario  
Energy Board Act seeking approval to amend electricity  
distribution rates.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Paul Sommerville  
Member

### **RATE ORDER**

PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC" or the "Applicant") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its defined service area. On August 15, 2007, PUC filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) to adjust its electricity distribution rates.

On January 8, 2008 the Board issued its Decision and Order (the "Decision") regarding PUC's Application. The Board approved PUC's requested relief effective September 21, 2007. The new Tariff of Rates and Charges arising out of the Board's Decision is to be implemented as of February 1, 2008. The notional revenues that would have flowed to PUC for the period September 21, 2007 to January 31, 2008 are to be recorded in a deferral account (Account 1574 – Deferred Rate Impact Amounts) for review and disposition at a later date.

The Board directed PUC to file with the Board, and forward to the Vulnerable Energy Consumer's Coalition, a Draft Rate Order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's findings in the Decision, within 14 days of the date of the Decision. As directed, PUC has provided the Board with a Draft Rate Order and Tariff

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of Rates and Charges. The Board further directed that the Vulnerable Energy Consumer's Coalition had 21 calendar days from the date of the Decision to file comments on the Draft Rate Order. No such comments have been received by the Board or by PUC.

On February 1, 2008, PUC resubmitted the Tariff of Rates to correct for some errors. The Board is satisfied that the resubmitted document accurately reflects the Decision.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Rate Order is approved, effective September 21, 2007, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after September 21, 2007.
2. PUC shall not collect the notional revenues that would have flowed to PUC for the period September 21, 2007 to January 31, 2008 at this time. Such revenues are to be recorded in a deferral account (Account 1574 – Deferred Rate Impact Amounts) for review and disposition at a later date.
3. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Ontario Energy Board for PUC Distribution Inc. and is final in all respects.
4. PUC Distribution Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, February 5, 2008.

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"

To The Rate Order Arising from Decision

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February 05, 2008

**PUC Distribution Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
**Effective Date September 21, 2007**  
**Implementation Date February 1, 2008**

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approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors**

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**APPLICATION**

- The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Codes, Guidelines or Orders 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, Guideline or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.
- This schedule does not contain any rates and charges relating to the electricity commodity (e.g. the Regulated Price Plan).

**EFFECTIVE DATES**

DISTRIBUTION RATES – September 21, 2007 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date.  
SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES – September 21, 2007 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date.  
LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – September 21, 2007 unless the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates. In that case, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

**SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS**

**Residential**

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, and where a small business establishment exists in addition to a dwelling within one of the aforementioned dwelling units. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, or triplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building up to three units also qualify as residential customers. All customers are single-phase.

**General Service Less Than 50 kW**

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.

**General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes over the past 12 months is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW.

**Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption.

**Sentinel Lighting**

This classification refers to all services supported to supply sentinel lighting equipment.

**Street Lighting**

This classification applies to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

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**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES****Residential**

Service Charge	\$	7.74
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0118
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kWh	0.0024
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**General Service Less Than 50 kW**

Service Charge	\$	11.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0198
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**General Service 50 to 4,999 kW**

Service Charge	\$	158.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.8855
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kW	0.6301
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7919
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2535
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**Unmetered Scattered Load**

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	11.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0198
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**Sentinel Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.0841
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kW	0.6160
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3583
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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**Street Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.50
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7481
Regulatory Asset Recovery (in effect up to and including April 30, 2008)	\$/kW	0.5199
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3514
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0010
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

**Specific Service Charges**

Customer Administration		
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter	\$	15.00
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 Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole During Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Pole After 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	Time & materials	
Service call – after regular hours	Time & materials	
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	Time & materials	
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	Time & materials	
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	Time & materials	
Removal of overhead lines – during regular hours	Time & materials	
Removal of overhead lines – after hours	Time & materials	
Roadway escort – after regular hours	Time & materials	
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35

**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)

**LOSS FACTORS**

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0430
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0326