Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2011-0189

**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 Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor Presiding Member

> Paula Conboy Member

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

### Introduction

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. ("Oakville"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 17, 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 Oakville charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

Oakville is one of 77 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. The *Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "IR Report"), issued on July 14, 2008, establishes a three year plan term for 3<sup>rd</sup> generation incentive regulation mechanism ("IRM") (i.e., rebasing plus three years). In its October 27, 2010 letter regarding the development of a Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity ("RRFE"), the Board announced that it was

extending the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation IRM plan until such time as the RRFE policy initiatives have been substantially completed. As part of the plan, Oakville is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2012 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 IR Report, its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008 (the "*Supplemental Report*"), and its *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on January 28, 2009 (collectively the "Reports"). Among other things, the Reports contain the relevant guidelines for 2012 rate adjustments for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On June 22, 2011 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 Oakville's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Oakville'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 comment were received. The Notice of Application indicated that intervenors would be eligible for cost awards with respect to Oakville's proposed revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments and its request for lost revenue adjustment mechanism ("LRAM") recoveries. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied and was granted intervenor status in this proceeding. The Board granted VECC eligibility for cost awards in regards to Oakville's request for LRAM recoveries and any revenue-to-cost ratio matters that go beyond the implementation of previous Board decisions. Board staff also participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While the Board has considered the entire record in this proceeding, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection;

- Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments;
- Shared Tax Savings Adjustments;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances;
- Review and Disposition of Account 1521: Special Purpose Charge;
- Review and Disposition of Account 1562: Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes; and
- Review and Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism.

# Price Cap Index Adjustment

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

On March 13, 2012, the Board announced a price escalator of 2.0% for those distributors under IRM that have a rate year commencing May 1, 2012.

The stretch factors are assigned to distributors based on the results of two benchmarking evaluations to divide the Ontario industry into three efficiency cohorts. In its letter to Licensed Electricity Distributors dated December 1, 2011 the Board assigned to Oakville efficiency cohort 2 and a cohort specific stretch factor of 0.4%.

On that basis, the resulting price cap index adjustment is 0.88%. The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across customer classes that are not eligible for Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection. 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.

### **Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection**

On December 21, 2011, the Board issued a Decision with Reasons and Rate Order (EB-2011-0405) establishing the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") benefit and charge for 2012. The Board amended the RRRP charge to be collected by the Independent Electricity System Operator from the current \$0.0013 per kWh to \$0.0011 per kWh effective May 1, 2012. The final Tariff of Rates and Charges attached to this Decision and Order reflects the new RRRP charge.

### **Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments**

Revenue-to-cost ratios measure the relationship between the revenues expected from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. The Board has established target ratio ranges (the "Target Ranges") for Ontario electricity distributors in its report *Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors*, dated November 28, 2007 and in its updated report *Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*, dated March 31, 2011.

Pursuant to the Board's decision in Oakville's 2010 cost of service application (EB-2009-0271), it was agreed that for the 2012 rate year, the revenue-to-cost ratios for the Street Lighting and Sentinel Lighting rate classes would be adjusted in order to meet the minimum target range of 70%. This adjustment was distributed proportionately between the Residential, GS < 50 kW and GS > 1,000 kW rate classes.

During the interrogatory phase of the current proceeding, VECC noted that the revenueto-cost ratio model showed a rebalance to the GS 50 to 999 kW rate class instead of the GS<50 kW rate class. In response to interrogatories, Oakville corrected the ratio adjustments.

The table below outlines the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios.

Rate Class	Current 2011 Ratio	Proposed 2012 Ratio	Target Range
Residential	107.80%	107.00%	85 – 115
General Service Less Than 50 kW	112.99%	112.00%	80 – 120
General Service 50 to 999 kW	85.00%	85.00%	80 – 180
General Service Greater than 1000 kW	130.54%	129.00%	85 – 115
Street Lighting	55.29%	70.00%	70 – 120
Sentinel Lighting	53.39%	70.00%	70 – 120
Unmetered Scattered Load	120.00%	120.00%	80 – 120

Both Board staff and VECC submitted that the re-filed revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments were in accordance with the Board's decision in Oakville's 2010 cost of service proceeding.

The Board approves the re-filed revenue to cost ratios. The Board finds that the revised revenue-to-cost ratios are in accordance with the Board's decision EB-2009-0271.

### Shared Tax Savings Adjustments

In its Supplemental Report, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of currently known legislated tax changes, as applied to the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates for a distributor, is appropriate.

The calculated annual tax reduction over the IRM 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 using annualized consumption by customer class underlying the Board-approved base rates.

Oakville's application identified a total tax savings of \$762,642 resulting in a shared amount of \$381,321 to be refunded to rate payers.

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In its submission, Board staff noted that Oakville completed the Tax-Savings Workform with the correct rates which reflects the Revenue Requirement Work Form from the Board's cost of service decision in EB-2009-0271. Board staff had no concerns with the workform as filed.

The Board approves the disposition of the shared tax savings amount of a credit of \$381,321 over a one year period (i.e. May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013).

# **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 June 22, 2011 the Board issued revision 3.0 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 2012. 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 distributors' specific RTSRs, Board staff provided a filing module.

On December 20, 2011 the Board issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2011-0268) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2012, as shown in the following table:

Network Service Rate	\$3.57 per kW
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.80 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.86 per kW

### 2012 Uniform Transmission Rates

In response to interrogatories, Oakville re-filed the RTSR Workform to include nonuplifted kWhs as required by the workform.

In its submission, Board staff noted that it has no concerns with the re-filed RTSR Workform.

The Board finds that the 2012 UTRs are to be incorporated into the filing module.

# **Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances**

The Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (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.

Oakville's 2010 actual year-end balance for Group 1 Accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2012 is a debit of \$1,466,769. This amount results in a total claim of \$0.0009 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold, and as such, Oakville did not request disposition of these accounts.

In its submission, Board staff noted that the principal amounts to be disposed as of December 31, 2010 reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the *Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements* ("RRR"). Board staff took no issue with Oakville's request to not dispose of its 2010 Deferral and Variance Account balances at this time.

The Board notes that the EDDVAR disposition threshold of \$0.001/kWh has not been exceeded and therefore no disposition is required.

# **Review and Disposition of Account 1521: Special Purpose Charge**

The Board authorized Account 1521, Special Purpose Charge Assessment ("SPC") Variance Account in accordance with Section 8 of Ontario Regulation 66/10 (Assessments for Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Conservation and Renewable Energy Program Costs) (the "SPC Regulation"). Accordingly, any difference between (a) the amount remitted to the Minister of Finance for the distributor's SPC assessment and (b) the amounts recovered from customers on account of the assessment were to be recorded in "Sub-account 2010 SPC Assessment Variance" of Account 1521.

In accordance with Section 8 of the SPC Regulation, distributors are required to apply no later than April 15, 2012 for an order authorizing the disposition of any residual balance in sub-account 2010 SPC Assessment Variance. The Filing Requirements state the Board's expectation that requests for disposition of this account balance would be heard as part of the proceedings to set rates for the 2012 year.

During the interrogatory phase of this proceeding, Oakville updated its balance in Account 1521 to more recent actuals reflecting a balance of \$14,639 as at December 31, 2010, plus collections in 2011 and carrying costs until April 30, 2012. Oakville requested the disposition of this balance over a one year period.

Board staff submitted that despite the usual practice, the Board should authorize the disposition of Account 1521 as of December 31, 2010, plus the amounts recovered from customers in 2011, including interest, because the account balance does not require a prudence review, and electricity distributors are required by regulation to apply for disposition of this account. Board staff submitted that the \$14,639 debit balance in Account 1521 should be approved for disposition over a one year period on a final basis.

In its reply submission, Oakville requested that it be permitted to recover the updated debit balance of \$14,639 through a fixed monthly charge over a one year period. Oakville stated that it would not recover the full amount through a variable rate rider because the variable rate rider, when rounded to four decimal places, would be rounded to zero.

The Board approves, on a final basis, Oakville's request for the disposition of the principal and interest balances in Account 1521 totaling a debit of \$14,639 over a one year period. The Board directs Oakville to close Account 1521 as of May 1, 2012.

The Board will not approve the recovery of Account 1521 by way of a fixed charge. As will be indicated below, the Board will approve the disposition of Account 1562 over one year. The resulting rate riders will reflect the combined balances of Account 1521 and Account 1562 and as is the Board's practice, any residual balance will be tracked in Account 1595 for a future disposition.

For accounting and reporting purposes, the balance of Account 1521 shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595 pursuant to the requirements specified in Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*. The date of the journal entry to transfer the approved account balances to the sub-accounts of Account 1595 is the date on which disposition of the balances are effective in rates, which generally is the start of the rate year (e.g. May 1), and this entry should be completed on a timely basis to ensure that these adjustments are included in the June 30, 2012 (Quarter 3) RRR data reported.

# Review and Disposition of Account 1562: Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes

In 2001, the Board approved a regulatory payments in lieu of tax proxy approach for rate applications coupled with a true-up mechanism filed under the RRR to account for changes in tax legislation and rules and to true-up between certain proxy amounts used to set rates and the actual amount of taxes paid. The variances resulting from the true-up were tracked in Account 1562 for the period 2001 through April 30, 2006.

On November 28, 2008, pursuant to sections 78, 19 (4) and 21 (5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, the Board commenced a Combined Proceeding (EB-2008-0381) on its own motion to determine the accuracy of the final account balances with respect to Account 1562 Deferred Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("Deferred PILs") (for the period October 1, 2001 to April 30, 2006) for certain electricity distributors that filed 2008 and 2009 distribution rate applications.

The Notice in the Combined Proceeding included a statement of the Board's expectation that the decision resulting from the Combined Proceeding would be used to determine the final account balances with respect to Account 1562 Deferred PILs for the remaining distributors. In its decision and order, the Board stated that: "Each remaining distributor will be expected to apply for final disposition of account 1562 with its next general rates application (either IRM or cost of service)."<sup>1</sup>

Oakville applied to dispose of a credit balance of \$3,253,532 including interest carrying charges to April 30, 2012, over a one year period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2008-0381 Account 1562 Deferred PILs Combined Proceeding, Decision and Order, p. 28

# PILs Related to Unbilled Consumption at April 30, 2006

Board staff asked Oakville to explain how it calculated the PILs related to unbilled consumption as at April 30, 2006. Oakville responded:

Oakville Hydro accrued unbilled revenue, including PILs amounts, in the manner described in response to part (B) of this interrogatory. Oakville Hydro did not do a second true-up estimate of the accrual at the end of April 2006.

Board staff submitted that Oakville should provide a calculation of the PILs recoveries related to consumption prior to May 1, 2006 that was billed in the months after April 30, 2006.

In its reply submission, Oakville calculated the unbilled PILs recoveries based upon actual billed data from its CIS as at April 30, 2006. Oakville noted that since there are normally significantly lower volumes in April than on average, the use of actual data, rather than the average of the previous 365 days results in a lower accrual as at April 30, 2006. The recalculated PILs recoveries for April 2006 reduced from \$334,775 to \$300,787, a reduction in unbilled PILs recoveries of \$33,988.

# Large Corporation Tax Repeal as of January 1, 2006

The Large Corporation Tax ("LCT") was repealed by the federal government in 2006 retroactive to January 1, 2006. Oakville incorporated \$34,234 of LCT into its rates effective April 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006. In July 2007 the Board issued instructions concerning how to account for the repeal of the LCT and how to record the amounts in PILs Accounts 1562 and 1592. Board staff noted that Oakville did not disclose if it recorded the full amount of \$34,234 in Account 1592 or split the amount between Accounts 1562 and 1592.

Board staff submitted that Oakville should explain in its reply submission, how and where it accounted for the retroactive repeal of the LCT.

With respect to the LCT, Oakville noted in its reply that it had incorporated \$34,234 of LCT in its rates effective April 1, 2005. In accordance with the Board's direction issued in July 2007, Oakville allocated this amount to PILs Accounts 1562 and 1592. One-third of the total LCT (\$11,411) was allocated to Account 1562 and the remainder was

allocated to Account 1592. However, as noted by Board staff in its submission, Oakville omitted this amount from its continuity schedule. Consequently, Oakville agreed that the final approved credit should be increased by \$11,411 plus any carrying charges.

In its reply submission, Oakville requested the disposition of a recalculated PILs balance of a credit of \$3,226,789 including carrying charges.

Upon updating Oakville's PILs continuity schedule subsequent to its reply submission, the Board notes that the correct balance for disposition is a credit of \$3,227,641 as opposed to the balance as calculated by Oakville. The Board notes that Oakville entered the LCT credit of \$11,411 in the 2007 rate year as opposed to the 2006 year where it should have been entered.

The Board therefore approves the disposition of a credit balance in Account 1562 of \$3,227,641 on a final basis including carrying charges as at April 30, 2012, over a period of one year period (i.e. May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013).

# **Review and Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism**

Oakville requested the recovery of \$233,341 in LRAM savings over a one-year period. The lost revenues include the effect of CDM programs implemented from 2009 and 2010.

### 2010 Programs

Board staff noted, in its submission, that Oakville's rates were last rebased in 2010.

Board staff noted that the CDM Guidelines<sup>2</sup> state the following with respect to LRAM claims:

Lost revenues are only accruable until new rates (based on a new revenue requirement and load forecast) are set by the Board, as the savings would be assumed to be incorporated in the load forecast at that time.

In its submission, Board staff noted that Oakville may want to highlight in its reply whether the issue of an LRAM application was addressed in its most recent cost of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management (the "CDM Guidelines")

service application. In the absence of the above information, Board staff did not support the recovery of the requested lost revenues in 2010 as these amounts should have been built into Oakville's last approved load forecast.

In its submission, VECC noted that energy savings from Oakville's CDM programs implemented in 2009 and 2010 are not accruable in 2010 and beyond as savings should have been incorporated in the 2010 load forecast at the time of rebasing.

Oakville submitted that the Board's recent decisions in 2012 IRM applications, as cited by Board staff and VECC, are inconsistent with those of previous years. The guidance available to Oakville from the Board at the time that Oakville prepared its 2010 cost of service application did not support the inclusion of the impact of future CDM programs in its 2010 load forecast. Oakville submitted that if the Board has adjusted its view of CDM-related LRAM recovery in the context of 2012 IRM applications, the change should not be applied retroactively to Oakville's actions in its 2010 cost of service application. Oakville submitted that the appropriate approach to this Application is the approach taken by the Board in the Collus (EB-2010-0076) and Bluewater (EB-2010-0065) 2011 IRM applications, which both updated their load forecasts when filing their respective cost of service applications.

# 2009 Lost Revenues

Board staff supported the approval of the 2009 lost revenues requested by Oakville as these lost revenues took place during an IRM year, with Oakville not having an opportunity to recover these amounts. Board staff stated that this is consistent with what the Board noted in its 2012 IRM decisions on applications from Horizon (EB-2011-0172), Hydro One Brampton (EB-2011-0174), and Whitby Hydro (EB-2011-0206)

In its submission, VECC also supported the approval of the lost revenue in 2009 requested by Oakville for CDM programs implemented in 2009 as Oakville did not collect this revenue while under IRM.

The Board will approve an LRAM claim of \$83,432.50, representing the effect of 2009 CDM programs in 2009, as Oakville was in IRM. The Board will not approve LRAM in 2010 arising from persistence from 2009 and the effect of 2010 programs in 2010, as these effects should have been reflected in the new 2010 load forecast that was

The Board is of the view that the load forecast is final and notes that there is nothing in the Settlement Agreement that indicates that the Board turned its mind to this matter or to suggest that the Guidelines do not apply. Finally, it is appropriate for the Board's discretion to be informed by the Guidelines that are currently issued. As set out in the 2012 decision on Hydro Ottawa's cost of service application (EB-2011-0054) the current CDM Guidelines to not consider a true-up of the effects of CDM activities embedded in a rebasing year. As such, there is no reasonable basis in this case to vary from the current Guidelines.

# Rate Model

With this Decision, the Board is providing Oakville 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 Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2011 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

# THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Oakville's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2012.
- 2. Oakville shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Oakville 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 **7 days** of the date of issuance of this Decision and Order.
- 3. If the Board does not receive a submission from Oakville to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing 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, 2012, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2012. Oakville 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 Oakville 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 Oakville and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

### **Cost Awards**

The Board will issue a separate decision on cost awards once the following steps are completed:

- 1. VECC shall submit its cost claims no later than **7 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 2. Oakville shall file with the Board and forward to VECC any objections to the claimed costs within **21 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 3. VECC shall file with the Board and forward to Oakville any responses to any objections for cost claims within **28 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 4. Oakville 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-2011-0189**, be made through the Board's web portal at, <u>www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> 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 <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>. 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 2 paper copies.

DATED at Toronto, March 22, 2012 ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A

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# Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2012

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

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# **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This class refers to the supply of electrical energy to detached and semi-detached residential buildings as well as farms as defined in the local zoning by-laws. Where the residential dwelling comprises the entire electrical load of a farm, it is defined as a residential service. Where electricity is provided to a combined residential and business (including agricultural usage) and the service does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of Oakville Hydro and shall be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption. 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, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers		. ,

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

Service Charge	\$	13.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0032)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0075
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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# Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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# **GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This class refers to customers who do not qualify as residential customers and whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is less than 50kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. **Note:** Apartment buildings or multi-unit complexes and subdivisions are treated as General Service (Above 50 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.

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, assessments or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers		

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

Service Charge	\$	32.09
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0141
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0015
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0003
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This class refers to customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is in the range of 50 to 999 kW. There are two sub categories within this class, those being non-interval and interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers		

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

Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate	\$ \$/kW \$/kW	117.88 3.6600 0.0638
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.5997)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.4471)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.2511
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	0.0033
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0031
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0527)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5961
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	2.6800
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7662
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8234

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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This class refers to customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is equal to or greater than 1,000 kW. These accounts will all be interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component		
Service Charge	\$	3,383.59
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.8480
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0638
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.9410)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.3937)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.2231
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.0014)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)		
Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0024
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0464)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval metered	\$/kW	2.6800
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.8234
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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# UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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, pedestrian X-Walk signals/beacons, 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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	11.52 0.0107 0.0002 (0.0015) (0.0036) 0.0020 (0.0004) 0.0069 0.0047
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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# SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers		

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.94
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	49.8198
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0124
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.7549)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(4.7423)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	2.0569
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.6412)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5204
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3540

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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# STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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

Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers		

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.09
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	18.9429
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0516
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.7041)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(2.2928)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	1.2014
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.3530)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1658
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4735

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
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	(0.50)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

# SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$ \$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Temperary convice install & remove, everband, no transformer	¢	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles (\$/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 Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$ \$	100.00 20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly 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	1.0377
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0147
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0273
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0047