

EB-2011-0179

**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 Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro 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

### **FINAL RATE ORDER**

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("Kitchener-Wilmot"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 28, 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 Kitchener-Wilmot charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

In its Decision and Order on the Application issued on April 4, 2012, the Board ordered Kitchener-Wilmot to file with the Board, and also forward to intervenors, a draft Rate Order that includes revised models in Microsoft Excel format and a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's findings in this Decision and Order within 7 days of the issuance of that Decision and Order.

On April 11, 2012, Kitchener-Wilmot filed a draft Rate Order with the Board.

On April 16, 2012, Board staff filed comments on the draft Rate Order noting that it accepts Kitchener-Wilmot's revised Account 1562 Deferred PILs balance of a credit of \$369,683 and agreed that Kitchener-Wilmot had appropriately reflected the Board's findings in all areas of the Decision except for some inconsistencies on the Tariff of Rates and Charges submitted with Kitchener-Wilmot's draft Rate Order, which were subsequently corrected.

Board staff also noted that all volumetric line items for all rate classes were identified to the fifth decimal point. Board staff stated that the standard practice of the Board is to list all rate riders to four decimal places, unless there is sufficient justification to defer from this standard and that the Board has approved such a deviation. Board staff accepted the use of five decimal places for the LRAM rate riders given that the Board has approved this approach in instances where the use of four decimal places will result in the utility forgoing the recovery of a Board approved amount. Board staff noted that unlike deferral and variance accounts, there is no true up for residual LRAM.

Board staff noted that in its reply comments, Kitchener-Wilmot may wish to confirm for the Board's consideration whether or not its billing system has the capability to bill the LRAM rate rider to the fifth decimal point.

On April 19, 2012, Kitchener-Wilmot filed its reply comments. Kitchener-Wilmot agreed with Board staff regarding the errors on the Tariff of Rates and Charges. Kitchener-Wilmot also confirmed that its system is capable of billing its LRAM rate riders to the fifth decimal point.

The Board accepts Kitchener-Wilmot's request for its LRAM rate riders to be billed to the fifth decimal place and has revised the final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The 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. Kitchener-Wilmot shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

## DATED at Toronto, April 26, 2012

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

**To Final Rate Order** 

**Final Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

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## Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2012** 

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. All customers are single-phase. 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   | \$     | 9.69     |
|--|--------|----------|
| Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$/kWh | 0.0172   |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 |        |          |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  | \$/kWh | 0.0021   |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  |        |          |
| Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014   | \$/kWh | 0.00030  |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  |        |          |
| Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013   | \$/kWh | 0.00003  |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013                                       | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kWh | (0.0003) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  | \$/kWh | 0.0067   |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                       | \$/kWh | 0.0015   |
|  |        |          |
| MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component   |        |          |
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| 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 LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

| Service Charge   | \$     | 25.54    |
|--|--------|----------|
| Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$/kWh | 0.0123   |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 |        |          |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  | \$/kWh | 0.0021   |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kWh | (0.0004) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  |        |          |
| Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014   | \$/kWh | 0.00010  |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  |        |          |
| Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013   | \$/kWh | 0.00013  |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013                                       | \$/kWh | (0.0003) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kWh | (0.0002) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  | \$/kWh | 0.0058   |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                       | \$/kWh | 0.0014   |
|  |        |          |
| 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 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 999 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 999 kW interval metered

General Service 1,000 to 4,999 kW interval metered.

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

#### **APPLICATION**

Wholesale Market Service Rate

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

| Service Charge   | \$    | 236.11   |
|--|-------|----------|
| Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$/kW | 4.0319   |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 |       |          |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  | \$/kW | 0.8121   |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW | (0.1575) |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  |       | , ,      |
| Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014   | \$/kW | 0.01720  |
| Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM)  | ·     |          |
| Recovery (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013   | \$/kW | 0.02049  |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013                                       | \$/kW | (0.0602) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW | (0.0475) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  | \$/kW | 3.0521   |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                       | \$/kW | 0.7287   |
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### LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

| Service Charge   | \$    | 14,403.67 |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$/kW | 1.3727    |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 |       |           |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  | \$/kW | 1.0403    |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW | (0.2022)  |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013                                       | \$/kW | (0.0434)  |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW | (0.0322)  |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered                               | \$/kW | 2.8686    |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered    | \$/kW | 0.6849    |
|  |       |           |

#### **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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## STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account with load displacement facilities that contracts with the distributor to provide emergency standby power when its load displacement facilities are not in operation. The level of the billing demand will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation such as name-plate rating of the load displacement facility. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component - INTERIM APPROVAL

Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided, the charge is based on the applicable General Service 50 to 4,999 kW or Large use Distribution Volumetric Charge applied to the contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility).

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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, 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 – Delivery Component**

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

| Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$<br>\$/kWh     | 8.46<br>0.0165       |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) | \$/kWh           | (0.0004)             |
| Recovery (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014   | \$/kWh           | 0.00450              |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013                                      | \$/kWh<br>\$/kWh | (0.0005)<br>(0.0004) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  | \$/kWh           | 0.0058               |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate   | \$/kWh           | 0.0014               |
| MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component   |                  |                      |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate  | \$/kWh           | 0.0052               |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge   | \$/kWh           | 0.0011               |

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

| Service Charge (per connection)  | \$     | 0.79     |
|--|--------|----------|
| Distribution Volumetric Rate   | \$/kW  | 5.3025   |
| Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013 |        |          |
| Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  | \$/kW  | 0.7291   |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW  | (0.1417) |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013                                       | \$/kW  | (0.1136) |
| Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013     | \$/kW  | (0.0933) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate  | \$/kW  | 1.8559   |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                       | \$/kW  | 0.4433   |
| MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component   |        |          |
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| Wholesale Market Service Rate  | \$/kWh | 0.0052   |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge   | \$/kWh | 0.0011   |

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### microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

Service Charge \$ 5.25

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### EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**

| Monthly Distribution Wheeling Service Rate – Dedicated LV Line               | \$/kW | 1.4660   |
|--|-------|----------|
| Monthly Distribution Wheeling Service Rate – Shared LV Line                  | \$/kW | 0.1420   |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change Dedicated LV Line – effective until April 30, 2013 | \$/kW | (0.0130) |
| Rate Rider for Tax Change Shared LV Line – effective until April 30, 2013    | \$/kW | (0.0016) |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                              | \$/kW | 2.8776   |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate   | \$/kW | 0.6871   |

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### **ALLOWANCES**

| Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month                      | \$/kW | (0.60) |
|---|-------|--------|
| Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy | %     | (1.00) |

## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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| Customer Administration   |    |        |
|---|----|--------|
| Returned Cheque charge (plus bank charges)  | \$ | 15.00  |
| Account set up charge / change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) | \$ | 10.00  |
| Collection of Account Charge – No Disconnection   | \$ | 30.00  |
| Meter Dispute Charge Plus Measurement Canada Fees (if meter found correct)                  | \$ | 30.00  |
| Meter Removal without Authorization   | \$ | 60.00  |
| Non-Payment of Account  |    |        |
| Late Payment - per month  | %  | 1.50   |
| Late Payment - per annum  | %  | 19.56  |
| Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours  | \$ | 45.00  |
| Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours   | \$ | 75.00  |
| Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours   | \$ | 95.00  |
| Service call – after regular hours  | \$ | 105.00 |
| Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year                               | \$ | 22.35  |

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## **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity

| One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer | \$        | 100.00    |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer   | <b>\$</b> | 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 | 1.0320 |
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| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW | 1.0154 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW   | 1.0226 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW   | 1.0053 |