

EB-2011-0169

**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 Greater Sudbury 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 May 3, 2012

### Introduction

Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. ("GSHI"), 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 GSHI charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

On April 19, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order in this matter, requiring GSHI to file revised models, an updated LRAM claim and a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's findings by April 26, 2012. GSHI filed its proposed Tariff and revised models on April 24, 2012. On April 26, 2012 GSHI submitted a

revised Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism ("LRAM") claim to support its calculation of LRAM recoveries reflecting the Board's Decision.

On May 1, 2012, Board staff filed its comments on GSHI's draft Rate Order. Board staff submitted that GSHI had appropriately reflected the Board's findings in all areas except for two rounding errors and the incorrect labeling of the Deferral/Variance Account Disposition and the Low Voltage Service rate riders. Board staff noted that GSHI did not include the expiry date of the Deferral/Variance Account Disposition rate riders in the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges to accurately reflect the one-year disposition period the Board approved in its Decision. Conversely, Board staff noted that GSHI had provided an expiry date for the Low Voltage Service rate riders. Further, it was noted that Low Voltage Service Rates are typically subject to review in a cost of service rate application and do not change during an IRM period. Board staff suggested that GSHI's draft Tariff of Rates and Charges be updated to remove the expiry date from each Low Voltage Service rate rider.

On May 1, 2012, GSHI filed a letter indicating that it accepted all of Board staff's proposed changes.

The Board has reviewed the documentation provided by GSHI in response to the Board's Decision and Order on April 24, 2012 and April 26, 2012, as well as, the comments submitted by Board staff and GSHI's reply letter, both filed on May 1, 2012. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges submitted by GSHI on April 24, 2012, with the changes noted by Board staff, accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

## THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

 The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final, except for the stand by rates which remain interim, effective May 1, 2012, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2012. GSHI shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 3, 2012 **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

**To Final Rate Order** 

**Final Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

**Board File No: EB-2011-0169** 

**DATED: May 3, 2012** 

### Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2012

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### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

To qualify for residential rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electricity shall be intended for and used primarily for a residence in which one or more person(s) reside.
- The electrical service shall be individually metered, no bulk metering allowed.

Residential customers are defined as customers connected as detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. It does not include Residential Rate Class customers in apartments, condominiums, row housing or any other abode that is not a detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling unit. The definition does not include the installation of primary, transformation and secondary to the hand holes in a new subdivision. All items excluded from the residential rate class definition, as above, shall be treated as general service rate class customers.

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

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **REGULAR and TIME OF USE**

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

Service Charge	\$	16.14
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0124
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0005)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Loss Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) - effective until April 30, 2013	3 \$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037

### **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 LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

To qualify for general service rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall have a peak demand less than 50 kilowatts for seven or more months in any twelve month period.
- New connections will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches.

The General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class includes those Residential Rate Class customers that are not in detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. The General Service Rate Class also includes subdivision developments and all General Service Rate Class customers. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge	\$	21.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0186
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
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	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Loss Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0027

### **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**

To qualify for General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Rates, an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall not qualify for a General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class service.
- New customers will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches. 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	\$	164.49
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.2709
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0937
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0879)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0308)
Rate Rider for Loss Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0212
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2979
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0401

### **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 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**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	8.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0123
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
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	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0027

### **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 – Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.8706
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0503
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.4104)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.1680)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7724
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0962

### **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

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**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.8171
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0475
Rate Rider for Tax Change – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.4715)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.1939)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6742
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0355
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	(0.60)
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 Statement of account Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges) Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$ \$ \$	15.00 15.00 15.00 30.00
Account set up charge change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	Ψ	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 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
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 retaile	r \$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	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	1.0527
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0422