

EB-2011-0434

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 Midland Power Utility Corporation for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle

Presiding Member

Marika Hare Member

DECISION AND RATE ORDER May 17, 2012

Midland Power Utility Corporation ("Midland"), a licensed electricity distributor, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Application"), received on December 19, 2011, under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), for permission to increase its delivery charges beginning May 1, 2012 to reflect the recovery of costs for deployed smart meters.

On May 3, 2012, the Board issued its Decision and Order on Midland's stand alone smart meter disposition application. In response to the Board's Decision, Midland filed a draft Rate Order on May 4, 2012. Board staff filed its comments on the draft Rate Order on May 7, 2012. VECC made no comments.

Board staff submitted that the draft Rate Order should have included an LRAM rider set to \$0.00005 per kWh rather than \$0.0001 kWh. Board staff also pointed out that the Rural or Remote Rate Protection benefit charge should be \$0.0011 per kWh. Midland in its Reply agreed with Board staff.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Rate Order is approved effective May 1, 2012 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date.
- The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Rate Order supersedes all previous Tariff of Rates and Charges approved by the Ontario Energy Board for Midland Power Utility Corporation's service area, and is final in all respects.
- 3. Midland Power Utility Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, May 17, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Decision and Rate Order

APPENDIX A

TO RATE ORDER

Midland Power Utility Corporation

2012 Electricity Distribution Rates

EB-2011-0434

May 17, 2012

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account where energy is supplied to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Energy is generally supplied as a single phase, 3-wire, 60-Hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 Volts and having only one Delivery Point per dwelling. For the purposes of calculating customer connection fees, the Basic Connection for Residential customers is defined as 100 amp 120/240 volt overhead service. A residential building is supplied at one service voltage per land parcel. Street Townhouses and Condominiums requiring centralization bulk metering are covered under General Service Classification. 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 Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$ \$	11.78 (0.96)
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	3.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0196
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0070)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.00005
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
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 LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Buildings requiring a connection with a connected load less than 50 kW, and, Townhouses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. General Service buildings are defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings. A General Service building is supplied at one voltage per land parcel. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	14.86
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	5.34
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the		
next cost of service-based rate order	\$	6.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0155
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0048)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		

Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Wholesale Market Service Rate

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to General Service customers requiring a connection with a connected load equal to or greater than 50 kW and less than 5,000 kW. A General Service building is supplied at one service voltage per land parcel. Depending on the location of the building Primary supplies to transformers and Customer owned Sub-Stations will be one of the following as determined by the Distributor:

- 2,400/4,160 volts 3 Phase 4Wire
- 4,800/8,320 volts 3 Phase 4 Wire
- 7.200/12.400 volts 3 Phase 4 Wire
- 8,000/13,800 volts 3 Phase 4 Wire
- 16,000/27,600 volts 3 Phase 4 Wire
- 44,000 Volts 3 Phase 3 Wire

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	58.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.9954
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5012
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010 recalculated) - effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.0432
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2011) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.4903
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.4922)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(1.3786)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0093
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1368
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6983
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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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 customer) Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	24.74 0.0266 0.0013 (0.0066) 0.0052 0.0043
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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	21.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	38.4425
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3864
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(15.9446)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6000
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2841

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 operation, 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)	\$	3.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.6265
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3873
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(3.7220)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6116
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3129

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		
Notification Charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment – per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
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 Power Poles \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00

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RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing 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	1.0651
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0545
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A