

EB-2011-0274

**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 Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

**BEFORE:** Ken Quesnelle

**Presiding Member** 

Marika Hare Member

### RATE ORDER August 30, 2012

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. ("Rideau" or the "Applicant") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on February 7, 2012, 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 Rideau charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on August 9, 2012. The Board approved an effective date of July 1, 2012. The Board also approved an implementation date of September 1, 2012, together with rate riders that would allow for recovery of the deficiency incurred during the period between the effective and implementation dates.

The Board ordered the Applicant to file a Draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings in the Decision. Rideau filed a Draft Rate Order and supporting material on August 16, 2012.

The Board has reviewed the information provided in support of the Draft Rate Order and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Rate Order is approved effective July 1, 2012, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after the implementation date.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous Tariff of Rates and Charges approved by the Board for Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. and is final in all respects.
- 3. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, August 30, 2012

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

# Appendix "A" TO RATE ORDER

Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.

Tariff of Rates and Charges

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**DATED: August 30, 2012** 

Effective Date - July 1, 2012 (except as noted) Implementation Date - September 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. 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	\$	12.76
Smart Meter Disposition Rider – effective until August 31, 2013	\$	0.28
Stranded Assets Rate Rider – effective until August 31, 2013	\$	1.83
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0145
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Fixed – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$	0.62
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	.0007
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0024
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048

### **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 applies to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. 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	\$	29.53
Smart Meter Disposition Rider – effective until August 31, 2013	\$	5.24
Stranded Assets Rate Rider – effective until August 31, 2013	\$	5.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0090
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Fixed – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$	1.30
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	.0004
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0022
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition- effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
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.

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	\$	281.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.8902
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.1607
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8135
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kW	(1.0147)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kW	0.0098
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1653
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7867
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.4192
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9914

### **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

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

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	3.86
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0177
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Fixed – effective September 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013	\$	(0.89)
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric – effective September 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(.0041)
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0022
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0000
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045

### **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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\$/kWh

0.0011

### 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.

### **APPLICATION**

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

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\$/kWh	0.0052
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\$/kWh

0.0011

### 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.

### **APPLICATION**

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.33
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	12.7064
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Fixed – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$	0.26
Foregone Revenue Rate Rider – Volumetric – effective September 1, 2012 April 30, 2013	\$/kW	.9918
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6289
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until August 31, 2013	\$/kW	(1.0688)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6330
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3813
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
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Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

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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**

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Service Charge	<b>C</b>	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)

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### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post-dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	***	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter Charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	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
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Temporary service install and remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install and remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install and remove – overhead – with transformer	\$ \$ \$	1,000.00
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	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing 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	1.0797
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0689
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A