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



EB-2007-0840

**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 E.L.K. Energy Inc. pursuant to section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act seeking approval to amend electricity distribution rates.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos Presiding Member

> Paul Sommerville Member

## RATE ORDER

E.L.K. Energy Inc. ("E.L.K.") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. E.L.K. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2008.

On March 18, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding E.L.K.'s application.

The Board directed that E.L.K. file with the Board a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's Decision, within 7 days of the date of the Decision.

E.L.K. has provided the Board with a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

The Board is satisfied that the document accurately reflects the Decision.

For completeness of the regulated charges, the Board has included in the Tariff of Rates and Charges the charges pertaining to services provided to retailers or consumers regarding the supply of competitive electricity, which are referenced in Chapter 12 of the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook.

# 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, 2008, for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2008.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix "A" of this Order supersedes all previous distribution rate schedules approved by the Board for E.L.K. and is final in all respects.
- 3. E.L.K. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 16, 2008. ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix "A"

The Tariff of Rates and Charges To The Rate Order Arising from Decision EB-2007-0840 E.L.K. Energy Inc.

April 16, 2008

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

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### **APPLICATION**

- The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Codes, Guidelines or Orders 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, Guideline or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified herein.
This schedule does not contain any rates and charges relating to the electricity commodity (e.g. the Regulated Price Plan).

### **EFFECTIVE DATES**

DISTRIBUTION RATES - May 1, 2008 for all consumption or deemed consumption services used on or after that date. SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES - May 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by customers on or after that date. RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES – May 1, 2008 for all charges incurred by retailers or customers on or after that date. LOSS FACTOR ADJUSTMENT – May 1, 2008 unless the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates. In that case, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

### SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

#### Residential

This section refers to a service which is less than 50 kW supplied to a single family dwelling unit that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At E.L.K.'s discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units.

#### General Service Less Than 50 kW

This classification refers to premises other than those designated as residential and do not exceed 50 kW in any month of the year. This includes multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk-metered).

#### General Service 50 to 4,999 kW

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.

#### General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Time of Use

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 and that are currently classified as Time of Use.

#### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

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. E.L.K. is not in the practice of connecting new unmetered scattered load services.

#### Sentinel Lighting

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. E.L.K. is not in the practice of connecting new unmetered scattered load services.

#### Street Lighting

This classification refers to supplied to street lighting equipment owned by and operated for a municipal corporation. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

#### Residential

Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	11.49 0.0095 0.0049 0.0042 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service Less Than 50 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	11.42 0.0031 0.0045 0.0038 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	440.65 3.4344 1.8407 1.5023 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW – Time of Use		
Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	849.26 0.7888 1.9526 1.6614 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Unmetered Scattered Load		
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	5.58 0.0031 0.0045 0.0038 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Sentinel Lighting		
Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.40 0.7566 1.3953 1.1865 0.0052 0.0010 0.25

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### **Street Lighting**

Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.01 0.5370 1.3883 1.1621 0.0052 0.0010 0.25
Specific Service Charges		
Customer Administration Arrears certificate Statement of account Pulling post dated cheques Duplicate invoices for previous billing Request for other billing information Easement letter Income tax letter Notification Charge Account history Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs) Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges) Charge to certify cheque Legal letter charge Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Special meter reads Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	$\begin{array}{c} 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 15.00\\ 30.00\\ 30.00\\ 30.00\\ 30.00\end{array}$
Non-Payment of Account Late Payment - per month Late Payment - per annum Collection of account charge – no disconnection Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – during regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – after regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - during regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - during regular hours Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - after regular hours	% % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % %	1.50 19.56 30.00 165.00 65.00 185.00 185.00 415.00
Install/Remove load control device - during regular hours Install/Remove load control device - after regular hours Service call – customer owned equipment Service call – after regular hours Temporary Service – Install & remove – overhead – no transformer Temporary Service – Install & remove – underground – no transformer Temporary Service – Install & remove – overhead – with transformer Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	65.00 185.00 30.00 165.00 500.00 300.00 1000.00 22.35
Allowances Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	\$/kW %	(0.60) (1.00)

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N/A

### **Retail Service Charges (if applicable)**

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 Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer Distributor-consolidated billing charge, per customer, per retailer Retailer-consolidated billing credit, per customer, per retailer Service Transaction Requests (STR)	* \$ \$ \$/cust. \$/cust. \$/cust.	100.00 20.00 0.50 0.30 (0.30)
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party 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	\$ \$	0.50
Up to twice a year		no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00
LOSS FACTORS		
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW		1.0791 N/A 1.0683

Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW