



**EB-2007-0842**

**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  
Canadian Niagara Power Inc. - Port Colborne  
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**

Canadian Niagara Power Inc. - Port Colborne ("CNPI-Port Colborne") is a licensed distributor of electricity providing service to consumers within its licensed service area. CNPI-Port Colborne 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 19, 2008, the Board issued its Decision (the "Decision") regarding CNPI-Port Colborne's application.

The Board directed that CNPI-Port Colborne 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.

CNPI-Port Colborne has provided the Board with a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

Hydro One Networks Inc., the only intervenor in this proceeding, had the opportunity to file comments on the attached Tariff of Rates and Charges within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of the Decision. No comments were received.

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

CNPI-Port Colborne's Standby Power rates were approved as interim by the Board in its 2007 distribution rates order. The Board is still examining the issues related to Standby Power rates, and is not in a position to make a final order for these rates at this time. The Standby Power rates will be adjusted by the price cap index but remain interim.

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 CNPI-Port Colborne and is final in all respects except for the Standby Power rates which are approved as interim.
3. CNPI-Port Colborne shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 21, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Appendix "A"  
To The Rate Order Arising from Decision  
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Canadian Niagara Power Inc. -Port Colborne

April 21, 2008

# **Canadian Niagara Power Inc. – Port Colborne**

## **TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

### **Effective May 1, 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**

The Residential Class (Regular) refers to a service taking electricity normally at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used for domestic and household purposes in a single family unit. A single family unit being a permanent structure located on a single parcel of land and approved by a civic authority as a dwelling and occupied for that purpose by a single customer.

Residential rates are also applied to apartment buildings with 6 units or less that are bulk metered. Apartment buildings with more than 6 units that are bulk metered are deemed to be General Service.

##### **General Service Less Than 50 kW**

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to single commercial or industrial customer and whose average peak demand is (or is forecasted to be) less than 50 kW. Single commercial or industrial customers are interpreted as a structure or structures on a single parcel of land occupied by one customer. An apartment building with more than 6 units that is bulk metered and has an average peak demand less than 50 kW is deemed to be General Service less than 50 kW. The common area of a separately metered apartment building having a demand less than 50 kW is also deemed to be General Service less than 50 kW.

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

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to single commercial or industrial customer and whose average peak demand is (or is forecasted to be) equal to or greater than 50 kW but less than 5000 kW. Single commercial or industrial customers are interpreted as a structure or structures on a single parcel of land occupied by one customer.

##### **Unmetered Scattered Load**

This classification refers to the supply of electrical service to a customer that is deemed to have a constant load over a billing period, normally with minimum electrical consumption and the consumption is unmetered. Energy consumption is based on connected wattage and calculated hours of use. Examples of unmetered scattered load are cable television amplifiers, billboards, area lighting.

##### **Standby Power**

The Standby subclass charge is applied to a customer with load displacement facilities behind its meter but is dependent on Canadian Niagara Power Inc. to supply a minimum amount of electricity in the event the customer's own facilities are out of service. The minimum amount of supply that Canadian Niagara Power Inc. must supply is a contracted amount agreed upon between the customer and Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

##### **Sentinel Lighting**

This classification refers to all services required to supply sentinel lighting equipment.

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#### Street Lighting

This classification refers to the supply of electrical service for roadway lighting. Energy consumption is based on connected wattage and calculated hours of use. Customers are usually a Municipality, Region or the Ministry of Transportation.

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

#### Residential

|                                                                                                     |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge                                                                                      | \$     | 15.86  |
| Service Charge Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008          | \$     | 0.89   |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0154 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008 | \$/kWh | 0.0009 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                     | \$/kWh | 0.0042 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                          | \$/kWh | 0.0038 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                       | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                     | \$     | 0.25   |

#### General Service Less Than 50 kW

|                                                                                                     |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge                                                                                      | \$     | 31.32  |
| Service Charge Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008          | \$     | 1.76   |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0093 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008 | \$/kWh | 0.0005 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                     | \$/kWh | 0.0035 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                          | \$/kWh | 0.0034 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                       | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                     | \$     | 0.25   |

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

|                                                                                                     |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge                                                                                      | \$     | 620.27 |
| Service Charge Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008          | \$     | 35.22  |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                        | \$/kW  | 2.3984 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008 | \$/kW  | 0.1345 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                     | \$/kW  | 1.4174 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                          | \$/kW  | 1.3549 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                       | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                     | \$     | 0.25   |

#### Unmetered Scattered Load

|                                                                                                           |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge (per customer)                                                                             | \$     | 31.32  |
| Service Charge (per customer) Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008 | \$     | 1.76   |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                              | \$/kWh | 0.0093 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008       | \$/kWh | 0.0005 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                           | \$/kWh | 0.0035 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                                | \$/kWh | 0.0034 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                             | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                              | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                           | \$     | 0.25   |

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#### **Standby Power – APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS**

|                                                                                                                                                                 |       |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Service Charge                                                                                                                                                  | \$    | 1.47   |
| Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility) | \$/kW | 1.1599 |

#### **Sentinel Lighting**

|                                                                                                     |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge                                                                                      | \$     | 2.10   |
| Service Charge Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008          | \$     | 0.12   |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                        | \$/kW  | 6.1316 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008 | \$/kW  | 0.3468 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                     | \$/kW  | 1.0743 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                          | \$/kW  | 1.0678 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                       | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                        | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                     | \$     | 0.25   |

#### **Street Lighting**

|                                                                                                           |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Service Charge (per connection)                                                                           | \$     | 1.39   |
| Service Charge (per connection) Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery-effective until August 31, 2008 | \$     | 0.08   |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate                                                                              | \$/kW  | 2.7636 |
| Distribution Volumetric Rate Rider for Storm Damage Cost Recovery – effective until August 31, 2008       | \$/kW  | 0.2205 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate                                                           | \$/kW  | 1.0352 |
| Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate                                | \$/kW  | 1.0693 |
| Wholesale Market Service Rate                                                                             | \$/kWh | 0.0052 |
| Rural Rate Protection Charge                                                                              | \$/kWh | 0.0010 |
| Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)                                           | \$     | 0.25   |

#### **Specific Service Charges**

|                                                                                           |    |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|
| 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  |
| Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) | \$ | 30.00  |
| Returned cheque (plus bank charges)                                                       | \$ | 15.00  |
| Charge to certify cheques                                                                 | \$ | 15.00  |
| Legal letter charge                                                                       | \$ | 15.00  |
| Special meter reads                                                                       | \$ | 30.00  |
| Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)                | \$ | 30.00  |
| Non-Payment of Account                                                                    |    |        |
| Late Payment - per month                                                                  | %  | 1.50   |
| Late Payment - per annum                                                                  | %  | 19.56  |
| Collection of account charge – no disconnection – during regular hours                    | \$ | 30.00  |
| Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours                     | \$ | 165.00 |
| Disconnect/Reconnect Charges at meter - during regular hours                              | \$ | 65.00  |
| Disconnect/Reconnect Charges 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 |

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|                                                                   |    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------|
| Install/remove load control device – during regular hours         | \$ | 65.00    |
| Install/remove load control device – after regular hours          | \$ | 185.00   |
| Service call – customer-owned equipment                           | \$ | 30.00    |
| Service call – after regular hours                                | \$ | 165.00   |
| Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer    | \$ | 500.00   |
| Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer | \$ | 300.00   |
| Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer  | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year     | \$ | 22.35    |

**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) |

**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                                                                                                                                                                 | \$       | 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**

|                                                           |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW | 1.0322 |
| Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW   | 1.0219 |