

EB-2012-0327

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 Fort Frances Power Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective November 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle

Presiding Member

Marika Hare Member

RATE ORDER November 29, 2012

Introduction

Fort Frances Power Corporation ("FFPC"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the "Application") with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on July 18, 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 FFPC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective November 1, 2012.

FFPC sought Board approval for the disposition and recovery of costs related to smart meter deployment, offset by Smart Meter Funding Adder ("SMFA") revenues collected from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2012. FFPC requested approval of proposed Smart Meter Disposition Riders ("SMDRs") and Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Riders ("SMIRRs") effective November 1, 2012.

In its Decision and Order on the Application issued on November 8, 2012, the Board ordered FFPC to file with the Board a draft Rate Order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board's findings, within 7 days of the date of the Decision and Order. The draft Rate Order was also to include customer rate impacts and detailed supporting information showing the calculation of the final rates.

On November 19, 2012, FFPC filed revised models and a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. On November 23, 2012, Board staff submitted that, with one exception, there were no concerns with the material filed. Board staff submitted that, although FFPC's methodology used for calculation of class specific SMIRRs and SMDRs was consistent with the methodology approved by the Board, the customer count used in the calculation was inconsistent with the evidence filed in FFPC's Application. Board staff recalculated FFPC's rate riders based on the evidence filed in the Application. VECC did not submit any comments on the material filed.

On November 26, 2012, FFPC filed a letter in reply stating that it agreed with Board staff comments on the Draft Rate Order and filed revised customer impacts based on Board staff's calculation of the class-specific rate riders.

The Board has reviewed the information provided by FFPC and Board staff and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the changes submitted by Board staff and agreed to by FFPC accurately reflects the Board's Decision and Order.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

 The revised Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final effective December 1, 2012 and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after December 1, 2012. FFPC shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates. DATED at Toronto, November 29, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Appendix A

To Rate Order

Fort Frances Power Corporation

Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No. EB-2012-0327

DATED: November 29, 2012

Effective and Implementation Date December 1, 2012

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This section governs all services intended to supply electrical energy to buildings or sections of buildings devoted to living quarters such as houses, living accommodations at the rear of stores, self-contained and individually metered suites. These services are commonly referred to as Residential or Domestic Services. 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	\$	11.99
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until November 30, 2013	\$	3.58
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	3.43
Distribution Volumetric Rate	φ \$/kWh	0.0088
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	Ψ/ΚΥΥΠ	0.0000
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
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	0.0011
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This section governs small commercial services and includes small stores, small service stations, restaurants, churches, small offices and other establishments with similar loads and whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	28.89
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until November 30, 2013 Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective	\$	13.42
date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	7.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0047)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0003
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
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 type of service will normally be applicable to small industry, departmental or larger stores such as supermarkets, shopping centres, storage buildings, large garages, restaurants, office buildings, institutions, hotels, hospitals, schools, colleges, arenas, apartment blocks or buildings and other comparable establishments and whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	240.90
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until November 30, 2013	\$	20.71
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective		
date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	9.97
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5771
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.6074)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(1.8508)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery (2012) - effective until April 30, 2013	3 \$/kW	0.0584
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4942
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5798
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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 taking electricity at 750 volts or less 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 customer)	\$	28.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0045)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0363
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	******	0.000
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.4978)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(1.5689)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8812
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4483
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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge \$ 5.25

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)	\$	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	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter - during regular hours	\$ \$ \$ \$	20.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - during regular hours		45.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge - At Pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
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	\$	1000.00
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 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	1.0406
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0302
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A