

EB-2012-0132

**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 Horizon Utilities Corporation for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective January 1, 2013.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare

**Presiding Member** 

Ken Quesnelle Member

## DECISION AND ORDER December 6, 2012

#### Introduction

Horizon Utilities Corporation ("Horizon Utilities"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 14, 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 Horizon Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2013.

Horizon Utilities is one of 77 electricity distributors in Ontario regulated by the Board. The *Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "IR Report"), issued on July 14, 2008, established a three year plan for 3<sup>rd</sup> generation incentive regulation mechanism ("IRM") (i.e., rebasing plus three years). In its October 27, 2010 letter regarding the development of a Renewed Regulatory

Framework for Electricity ("RRFE"), the Board announced that it was extending the IRM plan until such time as the RRFE policy initiatives have been substantially completed. In a letter dated October 18, 2012, the Board stated its expectation that the three rate setting methods set out in the *Report of the Board – Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach* would be available for the 2014 rate year.

As part of the plan, Horizon Utilities is one of the electricity distributors that will have its rates adjusted for 2013 on the basis of the IRM process, which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications.

To streamline the process for the approval of distribution rates and charges for distributors, the Board issued its IR Report, *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on September 17, 2008 (the "Supplemental Report"), and *Addendum to the Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* on January 28, 2009 (collectively the "Reports"). Among other things, the Reports provide the relevant guidelines for 2013 rate adjustments for distributors applying for distribution rate adjustments pursuant to the IRM process. On June 28, 2012, the Board issued an update to Chapter 3 of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the "Filing Requirements"), which outlines the application filing requirements for IRM applications based on the policies in the Reports.

Notice of Horizon Utilities' rate application was given through newspaper publication in Horizon Utilities' service area advising interested parties where the rate application could be viewed and advising how they could intervene in the proceeding or comment on the application. No letters of comment were received. The Notice of Application indicated that the Board did not intend to award costs as Horizon Utilities had only made proposals of a mechanistic nature within the Board's guidelines. No intervention requests were received. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While the Board has considered the entire record in this proceeding, it has made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to its findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge;
- MicroFIT Service Charge;
- Shared Tax Savings Adjustments;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances; and
- Green Energy Act Rate Rider.

## **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

As outlined in the Reports, distribution rates under the IRM are to be adjusted by a price escalator, less a productivity factor of 0.72% and a stretch factor.

On October 4, 2012, the Board announced a price escalator of 2.2% for those distributors under IRM that have a rate year commencing January 1, 2013.

The stretch factors are assigned to distributors based on the results of two benchmarking evaluations to divide the Ontario industry into three efficiency cohorts. In its letter to Licensed Electricity Distributors dated November 28, 2012 the Board assigned Horizon Utilities to efficiency cohort 2 and a cohort specific stretch factor of 0.4%.

On that basis, the resulting price cap index adjustment is 1.08% (i.e. 2.2% - (0.72% + 0.4%)). The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across customer classes.

The price cap index adjustment does not apply to the following components of delivery rates:

- Rate Riders:
- Rate Adders;
- Low Voltage Service Charges;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Rural or Remote Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply Service Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;

- Loss Factors;
- Specific Service Charges;
- MicroFIT Service Charge; and
- Retail Service Charges.

## **Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge**

As of the date of this Decision and Order, the Board has not issued its decision on the status of the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") benefit and charge for 2013. In the event that the Board's decision and rate order establishes a new RRRP charge for 2013, the RRRP rate order will supersede the tariff of rates and charges flowing from this IRM Decision and Order with respect to the RRRP charge.

## **MicroFIT Service Charge**

On September 20, 2012, the Board issued a letter advising that the default province-wide fixed monthly charge for all electricity distributors related to the microFIT Generator Service Classification was to be updated to \$5.40 per month effective with the implementation of electricity distributors' 2013 rates applications. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Order reflects the new default microFIT service charge.

## **Shared Tax Savings Adjustments**

In its Supplemental Report, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of currently known legislated tax changes, as applied to the tax level reflected in the Board-approved base rates for a distributor, is appropriate.

The calculated annual tax reduction will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the Board-approved base-year distribution revenue. These amounts will be refunded to customers over a 12-month period, through a volumetric rate rider using annualized consumption by customer class underlying the Board-approved base rates.

Horizon Utilities' application identified a total tax savings of \$548,513 resulting in a shared amount of \$274,256 to be refunded to rate payers.

The Board approves the disposition of the shared tax savings of \$274,256 over a one

year period (i.e. January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) and the associated rate riders for all customer rate classes.

### **Retail Transmission Service Rates**

Electricity distributors are charged the Ontario Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTRs") at the wholesale level and subsequently pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs"). Variance accounts are used to capture timing differences and differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service compared to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its customers (i.e. variance Accounts 1584 and 1586).

On June 22, 2012 the Board issued revision 3.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the "RTSR Guideline"). The RTSR Guideline outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2013. The RTSR Guideline requires electricity distributors to adjust their RTSRs based on a comparison of historical transmission costs adjusted for the new UTR levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. The objective of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in Accounts 1584 and 1586. In order to assist electricity distributors in the calculation of the distributors' specific RTSRs, Board staff provided a filing module.

As of the date of this Decision and Order, the Board has not issued its rate order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2012-0031) which will adjust the UTRs effective January 1, 2013. The Board will therefore approve the RTSRs as partially adjusted in this application. The differences arising from the new UTRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

## Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

The Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Report Initiative (the "EDDVAR Report") provides that, during the IRM plan term, the distributor's Group 1 account balances will be reviewed and disposed if the preset disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh (debit or credit) is exceeded. The onus is on the distributor to justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed.

Horizon Utilities' 2011 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 Accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2012 is a credit of \$4,966,768. This amount results in a total credit claim of \$0.0011 per kWh, which exceeds the preset disposition threshold. Horizon Utilities proposed to dispose of this credit amount over a one-year period.

In its submission, Board staff noted that the principal amounts to be disposed as of December 31, 2011 reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the *Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements* ("RRR"). Board staff submitted that it had no issues with Horizon's Utilities proposal to dispose of its Group 1 Account balances at this time. Board staff further submitted that Horizon Utilities' proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the EDDVAR Report.

The Board approves, on a final basis, the disposition of a credit balance of \$4,966,768 as of December 31, 2011, including interest as of December 31, 2012 for Group 1 accounts. These balances are to be disposed over a one year period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

The table below identifies the principal and interest amounts approved for disposition for Group 1 Accounts.

Account Name	Account	Principal Balance	Interest Balance	Total Claim
Account Name	Number	Α	В	C = A - B
LV Variance Account	1550	\$117,339	\$1,702	\$119,041
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	-\$5,577,002	-\$81,126	-\$5,658,127
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	\$658,101	\$9,290	\$667,391
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	-\$169,643	-\$2,504	-\$172,147
RSVA - Power (excluding Global Adjustment)	1588	-\$1,050,976	-\$15,162	-\$1,066,138
RSVA - Power – Global Adjustment Sub- Account	1588	\$1,127,661	\$15,553	\$1,143,214
Total Group 1 Excluding Global Adjustment Sub-Account				
Total Group 1				-\$4,966,768

For accounting and reporting purposes, the respective balance of each Group 1 account approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595 pursuant to the requirements specified in

Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*. The date of the journal entry to transfer the approved account balances to the sub-accounts of Account 1595 is the date on which disposition of the balances is effective in rates, which generally is the start of the rate year. This entry should be completed on a timely basis to ensure that these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending March 31, 2013 (Quarter 1).

## Green Energy Act ("GEA") Rate Rider

The Board's decision in Horizon Utilities' 2011 cost of service application (EB-2010-0131) approved, amongst other things, Horizon Utilities' Green Energy Plan. As part of its 2012 rate application, the Board approved a GEA rate rider of \$0.04 per customer effective January 1, 2012.

Horizon Utilities requested approval to continue to charge a GEA rate rider of \$0.04 per customer in 2013.

In its submission, Board staff confirmed that the Board approved Horizon Utilities' GEA related costs rate rider of \$0.04 per month for all classes except Standby and MicroFIT in Horizon Utilities 2012 rate application.

The Board approves Horizon Utilities' request to continue to charge a GEA rate rider of \$0.04 per customer from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

### **Rate Model**

With this Decision, the Board is providing Horizon Utilities with a rate model (spreadsheet) and applicable supporting models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A) that reflects the elements of this Decision. The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2012 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Horizon Utilities' new distribution rates shall be effective January 1, 2013.

- 2. Horizon Utilities shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Horizon Utilities shall file with the Board a written confirmation assessing the completeness and accuracy of the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information within 7 days of the date of issuance of this Decision and Order.
- 3. If the Board does not receive a submission from Horizon Utilities to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Decision and Order will become final, except for the stand by rates which remain interim, effective January 1, 2013, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2013. Horizon Utilities shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 4. If the Board receives a submission from Horizon Utilities to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Order, the Board will consider the submission of Horizon Utilities and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- 5. Horizon Utilities shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2012-0132**, be made through the Board's web portal at, https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice// and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <a href="https://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 2 paper copies.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 6, 2012

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

## Appendix A

## **To Decision and Order**

**Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

**Board File No: EB-2012-0132** 

DATED: December 6, 2012

**Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2013** 

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

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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. All customers are single-phase. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service application	\$ \$	14.69 1.47
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013 Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$/kWh	(0.61) 0.0145
Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014 Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0001 (0.0014)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers  Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013  Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0005 0.0011 0.0072
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate  MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component	\$/kWh	0.0054
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$	0.0011 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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Service Charge	\$	32.70
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service application	\$	3.62
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	7.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0014)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0005
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0006
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049
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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Service Charge	\$	298.15
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the		
next cost of service application	\$	5.40
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	10.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0680
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0217
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kW	(0.5076)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1653
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kW	0.0995
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4817
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9492
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
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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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## LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an 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, 5,000 kW. 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)

\$	23,019.37	
\$/kW	1.3581	
\$/kW	0.0249	
\$/kW	(0.2980)	
\$/kW	0.0970	
\$/kW	0.0780	
\$/kW	2.8349	
\$/kW	2.2399	
\$/kWh	0.0052	
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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	9.26	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0144	
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0014)	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014			
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0005	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0012	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063	
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050	
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component			
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052	
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011	

0.25

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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential, General Service or Large Use customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and often unmetered. Consumption is estimated based on the equipment rating and estimated hours of use. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection) Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$/kW	4.50 12.3422
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0175
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kW	(0.4895)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1594
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kW	0.9115
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0622
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5685
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, 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.35
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.2630
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0170
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2013) - effective until January 1, 2014	\$/kW	(0.4976)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until January 1,	, 2014	
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1620
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kW	0.5670
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9537
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5293
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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## STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation and requires the distributor to provide back-up service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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

Standby Charge – for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the	\$/kW	2.4952
amount of reserved load transfer capacity contracted or the amount of monthly peak load		
Rate Rider for Disposition of Balance in Account 1562 - effective until December 31, 2013	\$/kW	0.0733

## **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 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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Service Charge	\$	5.40
ALLOWANCES		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.73)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

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## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### **APPLICATION**

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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
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
Special meter reads	\$ 30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$ 30.00
Credit Card Convenience Charge	\$ 15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$ 15.00

### **Non-Payment of Account**

Non-rayment 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
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 - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Administrative Billing Charge	\$	150.00
Install/Remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00

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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 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 factorswill be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0407
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0179
Distribution Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0303
Distribution Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5.000 kW	1.0078