

EB-2012-0105

**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 Atikokan Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2013.

By Delegation, Before: Adrian Pye

## DECISION AND ORDER April 4, 2013

### Introduction

Atikokan Hydro Inc. ("Atikokan"), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on December 5, 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 Atikokan charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2013.

Atikokan 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, Atikokan 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 Atikokan's rate application was given through newspaper publication in Atikokan's 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. The Notice of Application indicated that the Board did not intend to award costs in this proceeding as the applicant has only made proposals of a mechanistic nature within the Board's guidelines. No parties requested intervenor status in this proceeding. No letters of comment were received. Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Board proceeded by way of a written hearing.

While I have considered the entire record in this proceeding, I make reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to my findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Smart Metering Entity Charge;

- MicroFIT Service Charge;
- Shared Tax Savings Adjustments;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates; and
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances.

## **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 March 21, 2013, the Board announced a price escalator of 1.6% for those distributors under IRM that have a rate year commencing May 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 Atikokan to efficiency cohort 2, being the middle group, and a resulting cohort specific stretch factor of 0.4%.

I have therefore determined, on that basis, that the resulting price cap index adjustment is 0.48% (i.e. 1.6% - (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**

On March 21, 2013, the Board issued a Decision with Reasons and Rate Order (EB-2013-0067) establishing that the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRP") used by rate regulated distributors to bill their customers shall be \$0.0012 per kilowatt hour effective May 1, 2013. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Order reflects this RRRP charge.

### Wholesale Market Service Rate

On March 21, 2013, the Board issued a Decision with Reasons and Rate Order (EB-2013-0067) establishing that the Wholesale Market Service rate ("WMS rate") used by rate regulated distributors to bill their customers shall be \$0.0044 per kilowatt hour effective May 1, 2013. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Order reflects this WMS rate.

## **Smart Metering Entity Charge**

On March 28, 2013, the Board issued a Decision and Order (EB-2012-0100/EB-2012-0211) establishing a Smart Metering Entity charge of \$0.79 per month for Residential and General Service < 50kW customers for those distributors identified in the Board's annual *Yearbook of Electricity Distributors*. This charge will be in effect from May 1, 2013 to October 31, 2018. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Order reflects this Smart Metering Entity 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.

Atikokan's's application identified a total tax savings of \$0 resulting in a shared amount of \$0 to be refunded to rate payers.

Board staff submitted it had no issues with Atikokan's proposal.

I find that as the balance for disposition is zero, there are no shared tax savings to be refunded to rate payers.

## Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs")

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 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.

On December 20, 2012 the Board issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2012-0031) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2013, as shown in the following table:

### 2013 Uniform Transmission Rates

Network Service Rate	\$3.63 per kW
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.75 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.85 per kW

I find that these 2013 UTRs are to be incorporated into the filing module.

### 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.

Atikokan's 2011 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 Accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2013 is a credit of \$2,199. This amount results in a total credit claim of \$0.0001 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold, and as such, Atikokan did not request the disposition of these account balances.

In its submission, Board staff noted that Atikokan filed an addendum to its Manager's Summary of the Application on December 20, 2012 to address the variances between the Board's Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements ("RRR") 2.1.7 Trial Balance and the closing principal and interest balance as of December 31, 2011 totaling (\$2,065) in Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts. Board staff further noted that Atikokan explained that these variances are consistent with those outlined in the 2012 cost-of-service continuity schedule which was determined to be immaterial in the Board's Decision and Order (EB-2011-0293). Board staff submitted that Atikokan should charge these variances to non-utility expense so that this variance does not occur in a future application.

In its reply submission, Atikokan responded that it agrees with the comments made in Board staff's submission.

I note that Atikokan agreed with Board staff that the variance referenced above should be charged to non-utility expense. With respect to the Group 1 Account balances as of December 31, 2011, and carrying charges as of April 30, 2013. I find that no disposition is required at this time since the preset disposition threshold has not been met.

### Rate Model

With this Decision, the Board is providing Atikokan 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 has reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they are 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. Atikokan's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2013.
- 2. Atikokan shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A. Atikokan 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 Atikokan 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, effective May 1, 2013, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2013. Atikokan 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 Atikokan 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 Atikokan and will issue a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

5. Atikokan 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-2012-0105**, be made through the Board's web portal at, <a href="https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/">https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/</a> 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 <a href="mailto:BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca">BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</a>. 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, April 4, 2013

### **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-2012-0105** 

**DATED: April 4, 2013** 

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

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

Service Charge Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until August 31, 2015 Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until August 31, 2015 Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018 Distribution Volumetric Rate Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016 Rater Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition(2012) - effective until April 30, 2016. Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate  MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component	\$ \$ \$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	34.15 0.48 0.39 0.79 0.0135 0.0009 0.0004 0.0065 0.0037
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0044 0.0012
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**

Rural Rate Protection Charge

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge	\$	74.43
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until August 31, 2015	\$	0.78
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until August 31, 2015	\$	0.39
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0094
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	0.0007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
Retail Transmission Rate - Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

0.0012

0.25

\$/kWh

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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	\$	550.40
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until August 31, 2015	\$	3.80
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until August 31, 2015	\$	0.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.1802
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	0.1984
Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1410
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3530
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.2782
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4963
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.4127
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	11.93	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.7065	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	1.4517	
Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2016			
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1329	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7747	
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9880	
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component			
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044	
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012	

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

Service Charge \$ 5.40

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### **ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.29)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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#### **Customer Administration**

Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	25.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	25.00
Special meter reads	\$	25.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment – per month	%	1.50
Late Payment – per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	25.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – during regular hours	\$	28.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$	315.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	28.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	315.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/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	1.0778
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0671