



**EB-2013-0171**

**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 St. Thomas  
Energy Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates  
and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective  
May 1, 2014.

**By Delegation, Before:** Lynne Anderson

## **DECISION and RATE ORDER**

**March 13, 2014**

St. Thomas Energy Inc. (“St. Thomas Energy”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 27, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that St. Thomas Energy charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014 (the “Application”).

The Application met the Board’s requirements as detailed in the *Report of the Board: Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach* (the “RRFE Report”) dated October 18, 2012 and the *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications* (the “Filing Requirements”) dated July 17, 2013. St. Thomas Energy selected the Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting (“Price Cap IR”) option to adjust its 2014 rates. The Price Cap IR methodology provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges in the period between cost of service applications. St. Thomas Energy last appeared before the Board with a full cost of service application for the 2011 rate year in the EB-2010-0141 proceeding.

The Board conducted a written hearing and Board staff participated in the proceeding. No letters of comment were received. Board staff submitted that it had no concerns with the Application and the changes agreed to by St. Thomas Energy in responses to interrogatories.

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

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection 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**

The Board issued the *Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "Price Cap IR Report") which provides the 2014 rate adjustment parameters for distribution companies selecting either the Price Cap IR or Annual IR Index option.

Distribution rates under the Price Cap IR/ Annual IR Index option are adjusted by an inflation factor, less a productivity factor and a stretch factor. The inflation factor for 2014 rates is 1.7%. Based on the total cost benchmarking model developed by Pacific Economics Group Research, LLC, the Board determined that the appropriate value for the productivity factor is zero percent. The Board also determined that the stretch factor can range from 0.0% to 0.6% for distributors selecting the Price Cap IR option, assigned based on a distributor's cost evaluation ranking. In the Price Cap IR Report, the Board assigned St. Thomas Energy a stretch factor of 0.3%.

As a result, the net price cap index adjustment for St. Thomas Energy is 1.4% (i.e. 1.7% - (0% + 0.3%)). The price cap index adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes. The price cap index adjustment does not apply to the components of delivery rates set out in the list below.

- Rate Riders;
- Rate Adders;
- Low Voltage Service Charges;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Wholesale Market Service Rate;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge;
- Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge;
- Transformation and Primary Metering Allowances;
- Loss Factors;
- Specific Service Charges;
- microFit Charge; and
- Retail Service Charges.

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

The Board issued a Decision and Rate Order (EB-2013-0396) establishing the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (“RRRP”) benefit and charge for 2014. The Board determined that the RRRP charge to be paid by all rate-regulated distributors and collected by the Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”) shall be increased to \$0.0013 per kWh effective May 1, 2014, from the current \$0.0012 per kWh. The draft Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Rate Order reflects the new RRRP charge.

### **Shared Tax Savings Adjustments**

In its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors*, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate.

The tax reduction will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the last Board approved cost of service distribution revenue.

The Application identified a total tax savings of \$32,256 resulting in a shared amount of \$16,128 to be refunded to rate payers.

I approve the disposition of the shared tax savings of \$16,128 based on a volumetric

rate rider using annualized consumption for all customer classes over a one-year period (i.e. May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015).

### **Retail Transmission Service Rates**

Electricity distributors are charged for transmission costs at the wholesale level and then pass on these charges to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates (“RTSRs”). Variance accounts are used to capture 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).

The Board issued revision 3.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the “RTSR Guideline”) which outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2014. The RTSR Guideline requires electricity distributors to adjust their RTSRs based on a comparison of historical transmission costs adjusted for the new Uniform Transmission Rates (“UTR”) levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs.

The Board issued its Rate Order for Hydro One Transmission (EB-2012-0031) which adjusted the UTRs effective January 1, 2014, as shown in the following table:

#### **2014 Uniform Transmission Rates**

Network Service Rate	\$3.82 per kW
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.82 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.98 per kW

I find that these 2014 UTRs are to be incorporated into the calculation of St. Thomas Energy’s RTSRs. Accordingly, the rate models that accompany this Decision and Rate Order have been updated to include these rates.

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

The *Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors’ Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative* 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.

St. Thomas Energy's 2012 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2014 is a credit of \$342,907. This amount results in a total credit claim of \$0.0012 per kWh, which exceeds the preset disposition threshold. St. Thomas Energy proposed to dispose of this credit amount over a one-year period.

In its submission, Board staff noted that the principal amounts as of December 31, 2012 reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the *Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements*. Board staff further submitted that St. Thomas Energy's proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the Board's report.

I approve the disposition of a credit balance of \$342,907 as of December 31, 2012, including interest as of April 30, 2014 for Group 1 accounts. These balances are to be disposed over a one-year period from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

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

### Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance A	Interest Balance B	Total Claim C = A + B
LV Variance Account	1550	0	0	0
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	\$(652,602)	\$(21,336)	\$(673,938)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	\$222,274	\$7,594	\$229,868
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	\$36,254	\$1,172	\$37,426
RSVA - Power	1588	\$(1,446,660)	\$(52,479)	\$(1,499,138)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	\$1,451,745	\$57,893	\$1,509,638
Recovery of Regulatory Asset Balances	1590	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2011)	1595	\$50,218	\$3,019	\$53,327
<b>Total Group 1 Excluding Global Adjustment – Account 1589</b>		<b>\$(1,790,515)</b>	<b>\$(62,030)</b>	<b>\$(1,852,545)</b>
<b>Total Group 1</b>		<b>\$(338,771)</b>	<b>\$(4,137)</b>	<b>\$(342,907)</b>

The 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 transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, generally, the start of the rate year. St. Thomas Energy should ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending June 30, 2014 (Quarter 2).

### **Rate Model**

With this Decision and Rate Order, the Board is providing St. Thomas Energy with a rate model, applicable supporting models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A). The Board also reviewed the entries in the rate model to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2013 Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

### **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. St. Thomas Energy's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2014.
2. St. Thomas Energy shall review the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A and shall file with the Board, as applicable, a written confirmation of its completeness and accuracy, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within **7 days** of the date of issuance of this Decision and Rate Order.
3. If the Board does not receive a submission from St. Thomas Energy to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Rate Order, the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Decision and Rate Order will become final. St. Thomas Energy shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
4. If the Board receives a submission from St. Thomas Energy to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2 of this Decision and Rate Order, the Board will consider the submission of St. Thomas Energy prior to issuing a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
5. St. Thomas Energy 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-2013-0171**, 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 [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca). If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to [BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca). 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, March 13, 2014

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Appendix A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Draft Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**Board File No: EB-2013-0171**

**DATED: March 13, 2014**



# St. Thomas Energy Inc.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

### Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2014

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

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consists 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. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

## APPLICATION

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

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## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	11.53
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	\$	2.02
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0160
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0064)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0095
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0074
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecasted to be less than, 50 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	\$	17.47
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	\$	4.65
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0151
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0063)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0095
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecasted 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	\$	72.31
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	\$	9.12
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.2366
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.3802)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.5333
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0093)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9084
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1281

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for individual lighting on private property 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.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.77
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.9740
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.5325)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0727)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8283
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3368

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
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)	\$	3.41
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.0333
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(2.3082)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.4271
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0576)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2429
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6408

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
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.

## APPLICATION

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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	(0.60)
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 check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (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

### 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 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
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge at Customer's Request - at meter during regular hours	\$	65.00

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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 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	1.0350
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0247