Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0170

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 Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Marika Hare Presiding Member

> Allison Duff Member

RATE ORDER

April 3, 2014

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. ("Sioux Lookout") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 21, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Sioux Lookout charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014 (the "Application").

In its Decision and Order issued on March 13, 2014, the Board ordered Sioux Lookout to file a draft Rate Order that includes a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and all relevant calculations showing the impact of this Decision and Order on Sioux Lookout's determination of the final rates. Board staff was to file any comments on the draft Rate Order including the proposed rates and all calculations with the Board and forward to Sioux Lookout within 7 days of filing of the draft Rate Order.

Sioux Lookout filed a draft Rate Order on March 19, 2014. No comments were received from Board staff.

Sioux Lookout included a revised Rate Generator Model to remove the Account 1595 – 2010 balance of \$149,135 from its Group 1 table and the associated rate riders as directed by the Board in the Decision & Order. The revised total balance of the Group 1 account balance is a credit of \$93,507 resulting in a total credit claim of \$0.0013 which exceeds the preset disposition threshold.

The Board accordingly approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$93,507 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.

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance A	Interest Balance (Revised February 28, 2014) B	Total Claim (Revised February 28, 2014) C = A + B
LV Variance Account	1550	45,813	1,675	47,488
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(7,014)	306	(6,708)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	1,585	296	1,881
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	5,858	91	5,949
RSVA - Power	1588	17,998	993	18,991
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(16,487)	2,779	(13,708)
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2008)	1595	243	2,147	2,391
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2011)	1595	(138,243)	(11,547)	(149,790)
Total Group 1 Excluding Global Adjustment – Account 1589		(73,759)	(6,039)	(79,799)
Total Group 1		(90,246)	(3,261)	(93,507)

Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

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. Sioux Lookout should ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending June 30, 2014 (Quarter 2).

The Board has reviewed the information provided in support of the draft 2014 Rate Order and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied with the 2014 Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Sioux Lookout accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final effective May 1, 2014, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2014. Sioux Lookout shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 2. Sioux Lookout shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, April 3, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A To Rate Order Final Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2013-0170 DATED: April 3, 2014

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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	\$	26.65
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until August 31, 2014	\$	2.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until August 31, 2015	\$	2.80
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0115
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0033)
Rate Rider For Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	41.56
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until August 31, 2014	\$	3.09
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until August 31, 2015	\$	2.83
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0035)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0030)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0016)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0064
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012
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 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. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply: General Service 50 to 1,000 kW non-interval metered General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered General Service >1,000 to 4,999 kW interval metered. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	369.35
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2867
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3088
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014	\$/kW	(1.4209)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.1747)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.3793)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.2326)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5579
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5318
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered > 1,000 kW	\$/kW	2.7135
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered > 1,000 kW	\$/kW	0.5877
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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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	21.98
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0009
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0064
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012

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

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	10.25
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	27.0322
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0120
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014	\$/kW	0.2840
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account (2013) - effective until August 31, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.9830)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.6638)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.1946)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9291
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4112

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 Condition 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	(0.3741)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	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
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect charge – at meter – during regular hours	\$	110.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge – at meter – after hours	\$	245.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	245.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	110.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	245.00
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

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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	1.0897
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0788