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



EB-2013-0152

**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 Milton Hydro Distribution 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

Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. ("Milton Hydro ") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on October 4, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Milton Hydro charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014 (the "Application").

In its Decision and Order issued on March 13, 2014, the Board ordered Milton Hydro 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 Milton Hydro's determination of the final rates. The Decision and Order also made provision for Board staff to comment on the draft Rate Order including the proposed rates and all calculations within 7 days of filing of the draft Rate Order, as well as a reply submission by Milton Hydro.

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

In its Decision and Order the Board found that the 2014 adjustment for the Minimum Distribution Charge that Milton Hydro charges two seasonal customers should include a compounded price cap adjustment of 2011 approved rates. The Board noted that Milton Hydro had not adjusted this rate for the 2012 and 2013 rate years. In its draft Rate Order Milton Hydro filed a calculation for an annually compounded price cap adjustment. The revised Minimum Distribution Charge is \$0.5872. This charge was included in a revised Rate Generator Model.

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 that the 2014 Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Milton Hydro 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. Milton Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
- 2. Milton Hydro 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 Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2013-0152 DATED: April 3, 2014

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### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to detached, semi-detached and townhouse residential buildings as defined in local zoning bylaws. A residential service is a single-family unit used for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At Milton Hydro's discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

Where the residential dwelling comprises the entire electrical load of a farm, it is defined as a residential service. Where the residential dwelling does not comprise the entire electrical load of the farm:

■ The service will be defined as a General Service if the occupant derives his/her principal livelihood from the working of the farm;

The service will be defined as a Residential Service if the occupant does not derive his/her principal livelihood from the working of the farm;

■ Where the residential farm dwelling is supplied by one separately metered service and the electrical loads in other buildings are supplied by a different separately metered service, then the former is defined as a Residential Service and the latter is defined as a General Service.

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Service Charge	\$	15.21
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2015	\$	0.03
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - effective until the date		
of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	0.08
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059

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### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION** (continued)

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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#### APPLICATION

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

Service Charge	\$	16.19
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2015	\$	0.03
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - effective until the date		
of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	0.08
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0172
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0000
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

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 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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

Service Charge	\$	76.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.5613
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0792
Minimum Distribution Charge - per KW of maximum billing demand in the previous 11 months	\$/kW	0.5872
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0059)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2717
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4335
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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 1,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### APPLICATION

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

Service Charge	\$	886.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7974
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0779
Minimum Distribution Charge - per KW of maximum billing demand in the previous 11 months	\$/kW	0.5872
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0065)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2178
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3938
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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### LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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Service Charge	\$	3,701.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.2162
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0871
Minimum Distribution Charge - per KW of maximum billing demand in the previous 11 months	\$/kW	0.5872
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$kW	(0.0051)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.4844
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6771
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

This classification refers to the supply of electricity to unmetered loads less than 50 kW including traffic signals and pedestrian X-walks signals/beacons, bus shelters, telephone booths, signs, Cable TV amplifiers and decorative lighting and tree lighting connected to Milton Hydro's distribution system, and similar small unmetered loads. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	7.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0164
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
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 and Transformation 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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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.40
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	18.2017
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0544
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0669)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2272
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6713
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 refers to all services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario. 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)	\$	2.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.8034
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0532
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0243)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2158
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6370

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.

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

Service Charge	\$ 5.40

### 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
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Credit Reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Special meter reads	\$	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 Charges for non payment of account - At Meter During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charges for non payment of account - At Meter After Hours	\$	185.00
Optional Interval/TOU Meter charge \$/month	\$	5.50
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
Clearance Pole Attachment charge \$/pole/year	\$	5.59

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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	1.0362
Distribution Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0149
Distribution Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0258
Distribution Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0048