



EB-2013-0127

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 Espanola
Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation 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

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“Espanola”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 18, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Espanola charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2014 (the “Application”).

In its Decision and Order issued on March 13, 2014, the Board ordered Espanola 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 Espanola’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 Espanola within 7 days of filing of the draft Rate Order.

Espanola filed a draft Rate Order on March 24, 2014. No comments were received from Board staff.

As directed in the Decision and Order, Espanola included in its filing fixed and variable rate riders to recover a revenue requirement of \$168,193 associated with the new municipal substation. The rate riders will be in effect until Espanola's next cost of service rate order.

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 Espanola 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. Espanola shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, April 3, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

To Rate Order

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

Final Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No: EB-2013-0127

DATED: April 3, 2014

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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 single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning. 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	\$	13.87
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.12
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.52
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	1.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0168
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0048)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0067
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kWh	0.0017
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION (continued)

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	\$	24.86
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.34
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.68
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	2.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0204
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0048)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0067
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kWh	0.0020
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	193.62
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	2.75
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	2.15
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	19.34
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.7407
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4840
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	0.1886
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(1.8853)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.6378
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kW	0.3736
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4313
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4269
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.7331
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9766

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)	\$	12.08
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	1.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0155
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0048)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kWh	0.0016
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate - Line Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037

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 applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential or General Service customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and 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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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	0.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	17.0104
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0684
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	0.1314
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(1.7432)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kW	1.6991
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8430
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1260

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 an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, 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)	\$	1.96
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$	0.20
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	24.7216
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0466
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2012) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	0.0665
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(1.6703)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order	\$/kW	2.4693
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8337
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1030

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)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Account History	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Disconnect/Reconnect - at meter during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Temporary Service – Install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary Service – Install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
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	1.0687
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0587