



EB-2013-0155

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 Niagara-on-the-
Lake Hydro Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable
rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be
effective May 1, 2014.

BEFORE: Christine Long
Presiding Member

Jerry Ferrell
Member

RATE ORDER
May 8, 2014

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (“NOTL Hydro”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on September 30, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for rates and other charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2014.

On November 22, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 wherein it established intervenor status and cost award eligibility for the Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”). In this proceeding a number of procedural steps were taken culminating in a settlement conference which took place on February 19 and 20, 2014. NOTL Hydro, Energy Probe, and VECC (collectively, the “Parties”) and Board staff participated in the settlement conference.

The Parties reached a settlement on all the issues, except one, and a settlement proposal was filed with the Board on March 22, 2014. The Board heard submissions on the unsettled issue regarding NOTL Hydro's request to recover balances in Account 1535 – Smart Grid OM&A Deferral Account. However, in its reply submission, NOTL Hydro withdrew its request to recover balances in Account 1535. As a result, the Parties reached a complete settlement.

The Board issued a Decision and Order on April 3, 2014 which accepted the settlement proposal in its entirety and ordered NOTL Hydro to file a draft Rate Order reflecting the Board's findings. The intervenors and Board staff were also provided the opportunity to comment on the draft Rate Order.

NOTL Hydro filed a draft Rate Order and supporting material on April 9, 2014. Subsequently NOTL Hydro filed a revised draft Rate Order and a corrected draft Tariff of Rates and Charges correcting some transcription errors noted by an intervenor. On April 10, 2014, Energy Probe notified the Board that the corrected draft Rate Order accurately reflected the settlement proposal and the Board's Decision. Board staff filed a letter with the Board on April 17, 2014 indicating that the customer numbers used to calculate the stranded meter rate riders did not match the average number of customers used by NOTL Hydro to calculate base rates. Board staff suggested that NOTL Hydro update the calculation of the stranded meter rate rider to reflect the customer numbers in its load forecast. NOTL Hydro filed a reply on April 21, 2014 agreeing with Board staff's comments and providing updated derivations of the stranded meter rate riders.

The Board has reviewed the material provided in support of the draft Rate Order and is satisfied that it accurately reflects the Board's Decision. In addition to the approval of NOTL Hydro's distribution rates and charges, the Board also accepted that certain amounts regarding NOTL Hydro's planned investments related to renewable energy are eligible for provincial rate protection under O. Reg. 330/09. Based on the information provided in the settlement proposal, the amount to be received from the IESO will be \$1,468.00 per month, or \$17,610 annually, for the 2014 rate year commencing May 1, 2014. As the entirety of the \$17,610 is comprised of historical start-up OM&A expenses, the Board notes that NOTL Hydro will not have any eligible amounts for recovery in subsequent years.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A to this Rate Order is final effective May 1, 2014 and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2014. NOTL Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, May 8, 2014

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

**TO RATE ORDER
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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 separately 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. 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	\$	17.94
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets – effective until April 30, 2015	\$	0.48
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0126
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural and 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	\$	37.28
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets– effective until April 30, 2015	\$	3.34
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0112
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural and 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 monthly average peak demand 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	266.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.1025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(1.6736)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.8249)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.3801)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6853
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4602
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.9023
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.1068

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural and 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 customer)	\$	20.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural and 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 operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established by an approved OEB process. 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)	\$	7.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	29.0338
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(1.3699)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.7620)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.3511)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0249
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3558

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural and 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
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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.56)
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
Account History	\$	15.00
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
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 meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Service Call – Customer-owned Equipment – During Regular Hours	\$	30.00
Service Call – Customer-owned Equipment – After Regular Hours	\$	165.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
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 Bell Canada Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	18.36
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - per pole/year	\$	22.35

Note: Specific Charge for Bell Canada Access to the Power Poles is valid only until the existing joint-use agreement is terminated

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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	1.0379
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0275