

EB-2014-0076

**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 Grimsby Power Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2015.

**BEFORE:** Marika Hare

**Presiding Member** 

Allison Duff Member

#### **DECISION and RATE ORDER**

**December 4, 2014** 

Grimsby Power Inc. ("Grimsby Power") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on August 13, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Grimsby Power charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2015 (the "Application").

Grimsby Power last appeared before the Board with a cost of service application for the 2012 rate year in the EB-2011-0277 proceeding. To adjust its 2015 rates, Grimsby Power selected the Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (the "Price Cap IR") which provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges in the period between cost of service proceedings. The Application met the Board's filing

requirements<sup>1</sup> for filings by rate-regulated electricity distributors ("distributors") applying for annual rate adjustments under Price Cap IR.

The Board conducted a written hearing and Board staff participated in the proceeding. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for and was granted intervenor status and cost eligibility with respect to Grimsby Power's request to clear its Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account ("LRAMVA") balance in 2015. No letters of comment were received.

While the entire record in this proceeding has been considered by the Board, this decision will make reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to the Board's findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Rate Order:

- Price Cap Index Adjustment;
- Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge;
- Retail Transmission Service Rates;
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances; and
- Review and Disposition of LRAMVA Balance.

# **Price Cap Index Adjustment**

The Price Cap IR option is a streamlined regulatory process designed to provide distributors with sufficient revenue to cover cost increases due to inflation while providing an incentive structure to drive productivity improvements.

Under the Price Cap IR option<sup>2</sup>, distribution rates are adjusted by an inflation factor, less the sum of a productivity factor and a stretch factor. Based on its established method<sup>3</sup>, the Board has set the inflation factor for 2015 rates at 1.6% and the productivity factor remains zero percent. The Board also determined that the stretch factor can range from 0.0% to 0.6%, assigned based on a distributor's cost evaluation ranking. The Board assigned Grimsby Power a stretch factor of 0.15% based on the updated benchmarking

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report of the Board: Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach (October 18, 2012); and Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications (July 25, 2014)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 2 above.

study for use for rates effective in 2015<sup>4</sup>.

As a result, the net price cap index adjustment for Grimsby Power is 1.45% (i.e. 1.6 % - (0% + 0.15%)). 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**

As of the date of this Decision and Rate Order, the Board has not issued a decision on the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection ("RRRP") charge for 2015. In the event that a new charge is established for 2015, the RRRP rate order will supersede this Decision and Rate Order with respect to the RRRP charge currently set at \$0.0013/kWh.

### **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 their Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs"). Variance accounts 1584 and 1586 are used to capture differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service relative to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2013 Benchmarking Update." Pacific Economics Group LLC. July, 2014.

customers.

The Board has issued guidelines<sup>5</sup> which outline the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file in order to adjust their RTSRs for 2015. 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 and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. Similarly, partially embedded distributors, such as Grimsby Power, must adjust their RTSRs to reflect any changes to the applicable RTSRs of their host distributor, which is Hydro One Networks Inc.

Given the timing of rates decisions, distributors whose rates are set as of January 1 typically derive their RTSRs using the previous year's Uniform Transmission Rates because updated ones are not yet available. As with past years, the Board has not yet adjusted Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One sub-transmission class rates for 2015. The Board will therefore approve the RTSRs as adjusted in this Application so that they reflect the current applicable rates. The differences arising from the new 2015 rates, once approved, will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

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

The Board's policy on deferral and variance accounts<sup>6</sup> 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, whether in the form of a 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. If the balances are below this threshold, the distributor may propose to dispose of balances.

Grimsby Power's 2013 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2014 is a debit of \$322,731. This amount results in a total debit claim of \$0.0017 per kWh, which exceeds the preset disposition threshold. Grimsby Power proposes to dispose of this debit amount over a one-year period.

In its submission, Board staff noted that it reviewed Grimsby Power's Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account balances and the principal balances as of December 31, 2013 reconcile with the balances reported as part of the *Reporting and Record-keeping* 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates, revision 4.0 (June 28, 2012)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' <u>Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative</u> (July 31, 2009)

Requirements. Also, given that the preset disposition threshold has been exceeded, Board staff had no issue with Grimsby Power's request to dispose of its 2013 Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account balances, over the requested one-year period.

The balances proposed for disposition are the same as the amounts reported as part of the Board's *Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*. The Board approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$322,731 as of December 31, 2013, including interest as of December 31, 2014 for Group 1 accounts. These balances are to be disposed over a one-year period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

The following table identifies the principal and interest amounts which the Board approves for disposition.

**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	34,564	648	35,212
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	5,873	156	6,029
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(110,836)	(3,058)	(113,894)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	127,489	2,710	130,199
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	32,505	581	33,086
RSVA - Power	1588	520,201	12,014	532,215
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(265,731)	(3,603)	(269,334)
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2010)	1595	0	234	234
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2012)	1595	2,587	(33,603)	(31,017)
Total Group 1 Excluding Global Adjustment – Account 1589		612,383	(20,318)	592,065
Total Group 1		346,652	(23,921)	322,731

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. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012. The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is, generally, the start of the rate year. Grimsby

Power should ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending March 31, 2015 (Quarter 1).

## Review and Disposition of the LRAMVA Balance

The Board's policy<sup>7</sup> established the LRAMVA to capture, at the customer rate-class level, the difference between actual results from authorized conservation and demand management activities and the reduction for forecast activities included in the distributor's last Board-approved load forecast.

Distributors must apply for the disposition of the balance in the LRAMVA as part of their cost of service applications. A distributor may apply for the disposition of the balance in the LRAMVA on an annual basis, as part of its IRM rate application, if the balance is deemed significant by the distributor.

Grimsby Power originally requested the approval to dispose of the balance in Account 1568 – LRAMVA, which included a balance of \$67,275 including carrying charges up to December 31, 2013. In response to interrogatories from Board staff and VECC, Grimsby Power revised its LRAMVA request to include the lost revenues related to its final verified 2013 Conservation and Demand Management results it received from the Ontario Power Authority on August 31, 2014. Grimsby's updated Account 1568 - LRAMVA account balance is \$73,418 attributable to programs from 2011 - 2013.

In its submission, Board staff noted that it could not reconcile the "actual CDM savings" amounts for all programs provided in interrogatory responses, with the results from the Ontario Power Authority for Grimsby Power in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Board staff also indicated that it did not appear that Grimsby Power used the "Net Incremental Peak Demand (kW)" and "Net Incremental Energy Savings (kWh)" amounts for any program in 2011, 2012 and 2013 when calculating its lost revenues supporting its LRAMVA request.

In its submission, VECC indicated that it was unclear how the CDM results were calculated by customer class. In particular, VECC requested the supporting calculations to explain the difference between the approved CDM component of the approved load forecast in kWh and kW, and the actual verified final program results.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management (April 26, 2012)

Both Board staff and VECC asked Grimsby Power to provide clarification to support the \$73,418 LRAMVA balance in its reply submission.

In its reply submission, Grimsby Power indicated that due to time constraints, it decided to defer the disposition of its LRAMVA balance until its next application.

# **Board Findings**

The Board approves Grimsby Power's request to defer disposition of the LRAMVA balance until its next application. The Board finds the record in this proceeding to have advanced the issues regarding the LRAMVA and should provide Grimsby Power with guidance regarding the information requested by parties. More complete information provided with the application next year regarding the LRAMVA entries and balance calculation should reduce the number of interrogatories, advance the discovery process and avoid a second round of interrogatories prior to the filing of submissions. The Board is reluctant to accept information provided in reply submission as evidence.

#### Rate Model

With this Decision and Rate Order, the Board is providing Grimsby Power 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(s) to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2014 Board-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges. The rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

#### THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Grimsby Power's new distribution rates shall be effective January 1, 2015.
- Grimsby Power 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 Grimsby Power 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. Grimsby Power 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 Grimsby Power 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 Grimsby Power prior to issuing a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.
- 5. Grimsby Power shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

### **COST AWARDS**

The Board will issue a separate decision on cost awards once the following steps are completed:

- 1. VECC shall submit its cost claim no later than **7 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 2. Grimsby Power shall file with the Board and forward to VECC any objections to the claimed costs within **17 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 3. VECC shall file with the Board and forward to Grimsby Power any response to any objection for cost claims within **24 days** from the date of issuance of the final Rate Order.
- 4. Grimsby Power shall pay the Board's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0076 and be made electronically through the Board's web portal at

https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/ in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Two paper copies must also be filed at the Board's address provided below. 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

http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. 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 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

# **ADDRESS**

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Board Secretary

E-mail: <u>boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u>

Tel: 1-888-632-6273 (Toll free)

Fax: 416-440-7656

**DATED** at Toronto, December 4, 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-2014-0076** 

DATED: December 4, 2014

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This class refers to the supply of electricity to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached dwelling units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. Residential Service means a service which is less than 50kW supplied to single-family dwelling units that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At Grimsby Power's discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition, the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

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Service Charge	\$	15.69
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0121
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0032
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0033)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0076
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
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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 LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non-residential customer that is identified by the billing system as registering under 50 kW on a demand meter in any one month of the year. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	26.67
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0131
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0032
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0033)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
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 customer that is identified by the billing system as registering equal to or over 50 kW on a demand meter in any one month of the year. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	172.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7672
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2555
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	1.1465
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.1886)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8217
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0135
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.8578
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.1223
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 applies to electricity consumption that is not metered and is billed based on estimated usage. Such connections include street lighting equipment not owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario, traffic signals and other small services etc. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	18.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0116
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0032
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0033)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
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

All services to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street lighting Service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.2987
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1975
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kW	1.1292
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015		
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.1673)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1281
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5565
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.

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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
Statement of Account	\$ 15.00
Pulling Post Dated Cheques	\$ 15.00
Duplicate Invoices for previous billing	\$ 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
Legal letter charge	\$ 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
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Meter – During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Meter – After Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Pole – During Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge – At Pole – After Hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00

#### Other

Special meter reads	\$ 30.00
Interval Meter Interrogation	\$ 20.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$ 30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$ 165.00
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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This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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# **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

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.

No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a Code or Order of the Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Board, or as specified berein

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments, or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment, the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the HST.

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	1.0526
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5 000 kW	1.0421