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



EB-2014-0211

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 Halton Hills Hydro Inc. for an order, approving the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Halton Hills due to an ice storm in December 2013, to be effective November 1, 2014 for 24 months.

BEFORE: Christine Long Presiding Member

> Allison Duff Member

FINAL RATE ORDER

January 8, 2015

Halton Hills Hydro Inc. ("Halton Hills Hydro") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 6, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, *1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the Town of Halton Hills due to an ice storm in December 2013.

The Energy Probe Research Foundation ("Energy Probe") and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") applied for and were granted intervenor status and cost eligibility.

In its Decision and Order issued on December 11, 2014, the Board ordered Halton Hills 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 Halton Hills Hydro's determination of the final rates. The Decision and Order also made provision for Board staff and intervenors 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 Halton Hills Hydro.

Halton Hills Hydro filed a draft Rate Order on December 18, 2014. Board staff and Energy Probe reviewed the draft and confirmed to the Board that they had no issues with the draft Rate Order. Board staff noted that certain generic formatting changes to the Tariff of Rates and Charges would be required to ensure that the document is consistent with the Board's template.

The Board has reviewed the information provided in support of the draft Rate Order and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, and is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Halton Hills Hydro accurately reflects the Board's Decision. The Board has made some generic formatting changes to the Tariff of Rates and Charges attached to this Order.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order will become final effective January 1, 2015, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2015. Halton Hills Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, January 8, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A To Rate Order Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2014-0211 DATED: January 8, 2015

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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. The customer will be supplied at one service entrance only. 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	\$	12.52
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.31
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.13
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016	\$	2.23
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0118
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0044
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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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	27.08
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.38
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.46
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016	\$	4.87
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049

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

This classification applies to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 50 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 50 kW, but less than 1,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformer. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Billing demands are established at the greater of 100% of the kW, or 90% of the kVA amounts with the exception of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate, which is billed on a \$/kW basis only.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	76.28
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016	\$	51.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4016
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4734
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0425)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.5594
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8269
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0801

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

This classification applies to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 1,000 kW over the past twelve months, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 1,000 kW, but less than 5,000 kW. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the installed transformer. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Billing demands are established at the greater of 100% of the kW, or 90% of the kVA amounts with the exception of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate, which is billed on a \$/kW basis only.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	177.10
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016	\$	490.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1184
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4734
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0451)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.6061
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8269
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0801

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 an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, pedestrian X-Walk signals/beacons, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	6.64
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016	\$	0.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0044
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0049

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 refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. 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)	\$	4.98
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016 (per connection)	\$	1.25
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	18.8596
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3408
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	0.1864
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.0487
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0167
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4975
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate\$/kWh0.0044Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)\$/kWh0.0013Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)\$0.25

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STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for the Municipality, the Region or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Street Lighting plant, facilities, or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements and Halton Hills Hydro specifications. 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)	\$	2.19
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until October 31, 2016 (per connection)	\$	0.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	29.5874
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3338
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015	\$/kW	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2015		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.5504
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0075
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4669

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	(0.50)
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
Income Tax Letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account History	\$	15.00
Credit Reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (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
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
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
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

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SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES (continued)

Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$ 65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$ 185.00
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
Interval Meter Charge	\$ 20.00

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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	1.0602
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0496