

Burlington Hydro Inc.

EB-2014-0252

Responses to Comments

on the

February 2, 2015 Draft Rate Order

Filed February 6, 2015

Burlington Hydro Inc. (“BHI”) is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the Ontario Business Corporations Act with its head office in the City of Burlington, Ontario. BHI carries on the business of distributing electricity to approximately 66,000 customers within the City of Burlington pursuant to Electricity Distribution License ED-2003-0004. On July 31, 2014 BHI filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board” or the “OEB”) pursuant to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking authorization to charge fixed rate riders for the period November 1, 2014 to April 30, 2016 that would recover \$573,048, being the incremental OM&A it incurred pursuant to the December 2013 Ice Storm, and \$6,318 of associated Carrying Charges. BHI published the OEB’s Notice to Customers on August 14, 2014 and served the Notice as directed by the OEB in its Letter of Direction. Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”) and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”), sought intervenor status, which the OEB granted. Energy Probe and VECC (the “Intervenors”) and Board staff filed interrogatories on October 1, 2014 and BHI filed responses on October 22, 2014. The Intervenors and Board staff filed Submissions on November 14, 2014 and BHI filed its Reply Submissions on November 28, 2014. The OEB issued its Decision and Order on January 29, 2015. Pursuant to the OEB’s Decision and Order, BHI file it’s Draft Rate Order (“DRO”) on February 2, 2015 and Intervenors and Board staff filed their comments on the DRO by February 4, 2015.

Energy Probe commented that BHI’s DRO accurately and appropriately reflected the Board’s Decision and Order. They pointed out that the September 30, 2014 customer count data used in the DRO did not match the data provided in response to Energy Probe interrogatory 5. Board staff commented that BHI’s nomenclature used on the draft Tariff Sheet was inconsistent with OEB standards and provided a worked example of the appropriate nomenclature. VECC did not file comments.

BHI provides herewith its responses to the comments received on its DRO.

## Responses

In its February 2, 2015 cover letter to its DRO, BHI indicated that corrected customer count data was used to prepare the DRO. BHI identified an anomaly between its September 30, 2014 customer count data which is provided at both E2/T1/S20/p1 and E2/T1/S8/p2, and, its 2013 customer count data which is provided at E1/T1/S8/p1. BHI corrected the customer count data as at September 30, 2014 and used the corrected data to compute the rate riders.

BHI has incorporated Board staff’s proposed nomenclature for the rate riders in the Draft Tariff Sheet (please see Attachment A).

Attachment A

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## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to low voltage connection assets that operate at 750 volts or less and supply electrical energy to residential customers where such energy is used exclusively in 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 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

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## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	11.88
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.73
Rate Rider for Refund of Smart Metering Entity Charge Over-Recovery - effective until April 30, 2015	\$	(0.61)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0162
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0014)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Application of CGAAP Accounting Changes (2013) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0075
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058

## 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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Service Charge	\$	24.77
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	8.40
Rate Rider for Refund of Smart Metering Entity Charge Over-Recovery - effective until April 30, 2015	\$	(0.61)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.96
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0133
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Application of CGAAP Accounting Changes (2013) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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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	\$	58.05
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	35.95
Rate Rider for Refund of Smart Metering Entity Charge Over-Recovery - effective until April 30, 2015	\$	(0.39)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	9.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8577
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.5488)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2506
Rate Rider for Application of CGAAP Accounting Changes (2013) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.2943)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9008
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1384
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.9427
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2573

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	8.89
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.26
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0154
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0015)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Application of CGAAP Accounting Changes (2013) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051

### 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 roadway lighting customers such as the City of Burlington, the Regional Municipality of Halton, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting, controlled by photo cells. The daily consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required night time or 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)	\$	0.59
Rate Rider for Recovery of Ice Storm Cost - effective until April 30, 2016	\$	0.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.3040
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.5237)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2014) - effective until April 30, 2016		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.2327
Rate Rider for Application of CGAAP Accounting Changes (2013) - effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.2734)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1505
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6064

### 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
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00

### 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

### Other

Temporary Service – install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
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.

Distribution Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0373
Distribution Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0270