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



EB-2014-0252

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 Burlington Hydro Inc. for an order, approving the recovery of certain amounts related to the restoration of electricity service in the City of Burlington due to an ice storm in December 2013.

BEFORE: Christine Long Presiding Member

> Allison Duff Member

FINAL RATE ORDER February 10, 2015

Burlington Hydro Inc. (Burlington Hydro) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) on July 31, 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 City of Burlington 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 January 29, 2015, the Board ordered Burlington Hydro to file a draft Rate Order (DRO) that includes a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and all relevant calculations showing the impact of this Decision and Order on Burlington Hydro's determination of the final rates. The Decision and Order also made provision for Board staff and intervenors to comment on the DRO, including the proposed rates and all calculations within 4 days of filing of theDRO, as well as a reply submission by Burlington Hydro.

Burlington Hydro filed a DRO on February 2, 2015.

Board staff and Energy Probe commented that Burlington Hydro's DRO correctly reflected the Board's Decision.

Board staff noted inconsistencies between the descriptors of certain line items in the Tariff as submitted in the DRO with the language adopted by the Board in the tariffs of other distributors. Board staff provided a revised Tariff with revised descriptors.

In its reply, Burlington Hydro accepted Board staff's proposed language.

Energy Probe pointed out that the September 30, 2014 customer count data used in the DRO did not match the data provided by Burlington Hydro in evidence.

In its reply, Burlington Hydro noted the anomaly in its September 30, 2014 customer count data provided earlier in the proceeding and reported that it had used corrected data in its DRO.

The Board has reviewed the information provided in support of the DRO and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The Board is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Burlington Hydro accurately reflects the Board's Decision.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

 The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order is approved effective February 1, 2015, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Burlington 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, February 10, 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-2014-0252 DATED: February 10, 2015

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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 singledwelling 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

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	\$	24.77
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

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 general service customers with a monthly average peak demand during a calendar year equal to or greater than, or is forecast by BHI 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.

APPLICATION

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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

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)	\$	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

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

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