



EB-2013-0164

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 Parry Sound
Power Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective January 1, 2014.

By Delegation, Before: Lynne Anderson

DECISION and RATE ORDER

December 5, 2013

Parry Sound Power Corporation (“Parry Sound Power”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 16, 2013 under section 78 of the Act, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Parry Sound Power charges for electricity distribution, effective January 1, 2014 (the “Application”). The Board assigned file number EB-2013-0164 to the Application and issued a Notice of Application on September 3, 2013.

The Application met the Board’s requirements as detailed in the *Report of the Board: Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach* (the “RRFE Report”) dated October 18, 2012 and the *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the “Filing Requirements”) dated July 17, 2013. Parry Sound Power selected the Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting (“Price Cap IR”) option to adjust its 2014 rates. The Price Cap IR methodology provides for a mechanistic and formulaic adjustment to distribution rates and charges between cost of service applications. Parry Sound Power was last before the Board with a full cost of service application for the 2011 rate year in the EB-2010-0140 proceeding.

The Board conducted a written hearing and Board staff participated in the proceeding. Board staff submitted that it had no concerns with the Application and the changes agreed to by Parry Sound Power in responses to interrogatories.

While I have considered the entire record in this proceeding, I have made reference only to such evidence as is necessary to provide context to my findings. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Rate Order:

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

Price Cap Index Adjustment

The Board issued its *Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors* (the "Price Cap IR Report") on November 21, 2013 which provides the 2014 rate adjustment parameters for distribution companies selecting either the Price Cap IR or Annual IR Index option.

Distribution rates under the Price Cap IR option are adjusted by an inflation factor, less a productivity factor and a stretch factor. The inflation factor for 2014 rates is 1.7%. Based on the total cost benchmarking model developed by Pacific Economics Group Research, LLC, the Board determined that the appropriate value for the productivity factor is zero percent. The Board also determined that the stretch factor can range from 0.0% to 0.6% for distributors selecting the Price Cap IR option, assigned based on a distributor's cost evaluation ranking. In the Price Cap IR Report, the Board assigned Parry Sound Power a stretch factor of 0.3%.

As a result, the net price cap index adjustment for Parry Sound Power is 1.4% (i.e.: $1.7\% - (0\% + 0.3\%)$). 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 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 2014. In the event that a new charge is established for 2014, the RRRP rate order will supersede this Decision and Rate Order with respect to the RRRP charge.

Shared Tax Savings Adjustments

In its *Supplemental Report of the Board on 3rd Generation Incentive Regulation for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors*, issued September 17, 2008, the Board determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate.

The tax reduction will be allocated to customer rate classes on the basis of the last Board approved cost of service distribution revenue.

The Application identified a total tax savings of \$962 resulting in a shared amount of \$481 to be refunded to rate payers.

Parry Sound Power requested that the Board authorize the recording of this amount in Account 1595 for disposition in a future application given that the associated rate riders are negligible.

I agree with Parry Sound Power's request and direct Parry Sound Power to record the tax sharing refund of \$481 in variance Account 1595 by March 31, 2014 for disposition at a future date.

Retail Transmission Service Rates

Electricity distributors are charged for transmission costs at the wholesale level and then pass these charges on to their distribution customers through the Retail Transmission Service Rates ("RTSRs"). Variance accounts are used to capture differences in the rate that a distributor pays for wholesale transmission service compared to the retail rate that the distributor is authorized to charge when billing its customers (i.e. variance Accounts 1584 and 1586).

On June 22, 2012 the Board issued revision 3.0 of the *Guideline G-2008-0001 - Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates* (the "RTSR Guideline") which outlines the information that the Board requires electricity distributors to file to adjust their RTSRs for 2014. 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 ("UTR") levels and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. Similarly, embedded distributors must adjust their RTSRs to reflect any changes to the applicable Sub-Transmission RTSRs of their host distributor(s), e.g. Hydro One Networks Inc. The objective of resetting the rates is to minimize the prospective balances in Accounts 1584 and 1586.

As of the date of this Decision and Rate Order, the Board has not issued its rate order for Hydro One Network Inc., Transmission (EB-2012-0031) which will adjust the UTRs effective January 1, 2014. I will therefore approve the RTSRs as partially adjusted in this Application. The differences arising from the new UTRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

The *Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Report Initiative* dated July 31, 2009 (the "EDDVAR Report") 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 (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.

Parry Sound Power's 2012 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 Accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2013 is a credit of \$31,163. This amount results in a total credit claim of \$0.0004 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold. Parry Sound Power did not seek disposition of balances in its application.

I therefore find that no disposition is required at this time.

Rate Model

With this Decision and Rate Order, the Board is providing Parry Sound 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 to ensure that they were in accordance with the 2013 Board approved Tariff of Rates and Charges and the rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Parry Sound Power's new distribution rates shall be effective January 1, 2014.
2. Parry Sound 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 Parry Sound 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. Parry Sound Power shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.
4. If the Board receives a submission from Parry Sound 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 Parry Sound Power prior to issuing a final Tariff of Rates and Charges.

5. Parry Sound 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 file number **EB-2013-0164**, be made through the Board's web portal at, <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. 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 www.ontarioenergyboard.ca. If the web portal is not available parties may email their document to BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca. 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 2 paper copies.

DATED at Toronto, December 5, 2013

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-2013-0164

DATED: December 5, 2013

Parry Sound Power Corporation

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2014

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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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. All customers are single phase. 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.

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 herein.

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.

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.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	22.21
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2014	\$	3.70
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	4.11
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0177
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0011
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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	\$	33.19
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2014	\$	9.86
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	8.52
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0136
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0008
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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 average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes 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.

APPLICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	191.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.8415
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4071
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3122
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6473
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.7515
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9981

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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, 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 (per customer)	\$	22.98
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.1342
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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	\$	4.29
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	16.6314
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3916
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7527
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3000

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. 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 (per connection)	\$	2.73
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	27.3799
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3635
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7436
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2734

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0012
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
Account History	\$	15.00
Credit Reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
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 charge at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect charge at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
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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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	1.0809
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0700