

EB-2014-0344

**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. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 86(1)(c) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for leave to amalgamate and continue as Grimsby Power Inc.;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 84 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for a determination that the Niagara West Transformation Corporation transmission assets which will become part of the amalgamated distributor, are deemed to be distribution assets:

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for Grimsby Power Inc. to charge Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc., an electricity distributor that will be embedded within the amalgamated distributor, the Board-approved Niagara West Transformation Corporation transmission rate as a distribution rate from the completion of the proposed transaction until the amalgamated distributor's next rebasing;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval for the amalgamated distributor to charge its customers other than Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. a retail transmission service rate that includes the incremental contribution of the Niagara West Transformation transmission assets as if they were part of the revenue requirement until the amalgamated distributor's next rebasing;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation under section 77(5) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for cancellation of Niagara West Transformation Corporation's transmission licence, upon completion of the proposed transaction.

**BEFORE:** Emad Elsayed

**Presiding Member** 

Cathy Spoel Member

### RATE ORDER May 7, 2015

Grimsby Power Inc. (Grimsby) and Niagara West Transformation Corporation (Niagara West) filed related applications with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 6, 2014 seeking the following:

- 1. Leave to amalgamate and continue as Grimsby (the Amalgamated Distributor) under section 86(1)(c) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the Act).
- 2. A determination that the Niagara West transmission assets which will become part of Grimsby are deemed to be distribution assets under section 84 of the Act.
- 3. Approval for the Amalgamated Distributor to charge Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (Niagara Peninsula), an electricity distributor that will be embedded within the Amalgamated Distributor, the OEB-approved Niagara West transmission rate as a distribution rate from the completion of the proposed transaction until Grimsby's next rebasing under section 78 of the Act.
- 4. Approval for Grimsby to continue to charge its customers, other than Niagara Peninsula, a retail transmission service rate that includes the incremental contribution of the Niagara West transmission assets as if they were part of Grimsby's revenue requirement until Grimsby's next rebasing.
- 5. Cancellation of Niagara West's Electricity Transmission Licence (ET-2010-0294), upon completion of the proposed transaction under section 77(5) of the Act.

On March 26, 2015 the OEB issued its Decision approving these applications and ordered Grimsby to file with the OEB and forward to the intervenors a draft Rate Order that includes a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the new rate to be charged to Niagara Peninsula effective from the completion of the transaction. Grimsby filed a draft Rate Order including a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges on April 6, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, OEB staff filed an updated Tariff of Rates and Charges which contained certain administrative changes, and requested that Grimsby confirm its agreement in reply comments. On April 20, 2015, Grimsby responded that it was in agreement with the changes made.

The OEB is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges as updated by OEB staff and set out in Appendix A of this Rate Order accurately reflects the Decision.

#### THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Order is final, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after the effective date of the amalgamation between Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corporation. Grimsby shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, May 7, 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-2014-0344** 

**DATED:** May 7, 2015

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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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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		
Whalasala Maylet Conica Data	Φ/LAA/I-	0.0044
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 Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018 Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$ \$ \$/kWh	26.67 0.79 0.0131
Low Voltage Service Rate Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015 Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) - effective until December 31, 2015	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0006 0.0032
Applicable only for Non RPP Customers  Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate  Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	(0.0033) 0.0071 0.0050
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.0044 0.0013 0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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#### **APPLICATION**

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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.

#### **APPLICATION**

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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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### Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

This classification applies only to Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. as a result of the amalgamation of Grimsby Power Inc. and Niagara West Transformation Corp.

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Distribution Volumetric Rate - in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service based rate order

\$/kW

1.7700

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Service Charge	\$	5.40
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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### 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	1.0526
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5.000 kW	1.0421