Ontario Energy Commission de l'énergie Board

de l'Ontario



# EB-2015-0078

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY

# Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc.

FOR APPROVAL OF DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR 2016

**DECISION AND RATE ORDER** [date]

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**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 Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2016.

By Delegation, Before: Lynne Anderson

#### **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

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## 1.0 Introduction and Summary

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. (Hydro One Brampton) serves about 150,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Brampton. As a licenced and rate-regulated distributor in Ontario, the company must receive the Ontario Energy Board's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers.

Hydro One Brampton filed an application with the OEB on August 17, 2015, to seek approval for changes to its distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2016. The OEB has established three different rate-setting methods for distributors. Hydro One Brampton selected the Price Cap Incentive rate-setting (Price Cap IR) plan option to adjust its distribution rates. The Price Cap IR method has a five year term. In the first year, rates are set through a cost of service rebasing application. Hydro One Brampton last appeared before the OEB with a cost of service application for 2015 in the EB-2014-0083 proceeding. In the other four years, there is a mechanistic adjustment to rates based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of a distributor's efficiency.

This is the OEB's Decision with respect to Hydro One Brampton's application. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Rate Order.

- Price Cap Index Adjustment
- Regulatory Charges
- Revenue to Cost Ratio Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design
- Implementation and Order

In accordance with the OEB-approved parameters for inflation and productivity for 2016, Hydro One Brampton applied for a rate increase of 1.8%. The 1.8% applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes; it does not apply to the rates and charges listed in Appendix B.

Hydro One Brampton also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Currently, residential distribution rates include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. However, the OEB issued a new policy to change residential rates to a fully fixed rate structure, transitioning over a four-year period beginning in 2016<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, the proposed fixed monthly charge for 2016 has been adjusted in this Decision to be higher than it was in 2015 and the variable-usage rate is commensurately lower. The amount of revenue the distributor is expected to collect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Board Policy: A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers, EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

from residential customers will not be affected, only the proportion of revenue collected through variable and fixed charges.

The proposed rate adjustments to Hydro One Brampton's application arising from this Decision result in a monthly increase of \$1.25 for a residential customer consuming 800 kWh. Government policy initiatives that remove the Debt Retirement Charge and the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit from residential electricity bills, effective January 1, 2016, will impact the total bill as well.

I approve the adjustments to Hydro One Brampton's application as calculated through this proceeding.

## 2.0 The Process

The OEB follows a standard, streamlined process for incentive rate-setting (IR) applications under a Price Cap IR plan.

Initially, the OEB prepares a rate model that includes information from past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor then reviews and updates the model to include with its application.

In this case, Hydro One Brampton provided written evidence and a completed rate model to support its application on August 17, 2015. Questions were asked and answers were provided by Hydro One Brampton through emails and phone calls. Based on this information, a decision was drafted and provided to Hydro One Brampton on November 17, 2015. Hydro One Brampton was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to finalizing the Decision.

## 3.0 Organization of the Decision

The OEB has organized this Decision into sections, reflecting the issues that the OEB has considered in making its findings<sup>2</sup>. Each section covers the OEB's reasons for approving or denying the proposals included in the application and affecting 2016 rates. The last section addresses the steps to be taken by Hydro One Brampton and OEB staff in order to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See list of issues in the Introduction, p.1 *Draft* - Decision and Rate Order November 17, 2015

## 4.0 Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting

The Price Cap IR adjustment follows an OEB-approved formula that includes components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains<sup>3</sup>. The components in the formula are also approved by the OEB annually.

The formula is an *inflation minus X-factor* rate adjustment, which is intended to incent innovation and efficiency. Based on its established formula<sup>4</sup>, the OEB has set the inflation factor for 2016 rates at 2.1%.

The X-factors for individual distributors have two parts: a productivity element based on historical analysis of industry cost performance and a stretch factor that represents a distributor's efficiency relative to its expected costs. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors an incentive to improve efficiency or else face the prospect of declining net income.

Based on industry conditions over the historical study period, the productivity factor has been set at zero percent. A stretch factor is assigned based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked relative to other distributors in Ontario. For Price Cap IR applications, a range of stretch factors has been set from 0.0% to 0.6%<sup>5</sup>. The most efficient distributor, based on the cost evaluation ranking, would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.0%. Higher stretch factors are applied to distributors whose cost performance falls below that of comparable distributors to encourage them to pursue greater efficiencies.

#### Findings

In this case, the OEB assigned Hydro One Brampton a stretch factor of 0.30% based on the updated benchmarking study for use for rates effective in  $2016^{6}$ . As a result, the net price cap index adjustment for Hydro One Brampton is 1.80% (i.e. 2.1% - (0% + 0.30%)).

The 1.80% adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes; it does not apply to the rates and charges listed in Appendix B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 3 above.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2014 Benchmarking Update."
Pacific Economics Group LLC. July, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>o</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 5 above.

## 5.0 Regulatory Charges

There are a number of charges levied to consumers to cover the costs associated with various programs and wholesale market services.

The Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible customers located in rural or remote areas where the costs of providing electricity service to these customers greatly exceeds the costs of providing electricity to customers located elsewhere in the province of Ontario. The RRRP program cost is recovered from all electricity customers in the province through a charge that is reviewed annually and approved by the OEB.

Wholesale market service (WMS) charges recover the cost of the services provided by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to operate the electricity system and administer the wholesale market. These charges may include costs associated with: operating reserve, system congestion and imports, and losses on the IESO-controlled grid. Individual electricity distributors recover the WMS charges from their customers through the WMS rate.

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) is a new regulatory charge that will be initiated in 2016. This program delivers on-bill rate assistance to low income electricity customers. All Ontario customers contribute to the OESP through the OESP charge.

These regulatory charges are established annually by the OEB through a separate order.

#### Findings

As of the date of this Decision and Rate Order, the OEB has not yet issued an order on the RRRP, WMS or OESP charges for 2016. The Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision will reflect the currently-approved charges. When new charges are established for 2016, the OEB will issue a rate order, which will apply to Hydro One Brampton's 2016 rates.

## 6.0 Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments

Revenue-to-cost ratios measure the relationship between the revenues expected from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. This is one of the factors the OEB considers when setting rates. The OEB has established target ratio

ranges for electricity distributors<sup>7</sup> to reflect its expectation that each class will pay for the costs to serve it, while considering the variability among distributors and the associated rate class impacts.

In general, increases to the revenue-to-cost ratios of one class will create decreases in other rate classes. Within a mechanistic IR application, adjustments are permitted to revenue-to-cost ratios if this was approved as part of a cost of service rebasing application.

In this application, Hydro One Brampton proposed to increase the revenue-to-cost ratio for the Distributed Generation - DGen rate class. The additional revenues from these adjustments would be used to reduce the revenue-to-cost ratio for General Service Less Than 50 kW customers.

These ratio adjustments are consistent with the ranges outlined in OEB-approved Settlement Agreement in its 2015 cost of service application EB-2014-0083.

The table below outlines the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios.

Rate Class	Current 2015 Ratio	Proposed 2016
		Ratio
Residential	95.65	95.65
GS Less Than 50 kW	120.00	119.71
General Service 50 to 699 kW	95.65	95.65
General Service 700 to 4,999 kW	120.00	120.00
Large User	95.65	95.65
Unmetered Scattered Load	95.65	95.65
Street Lighting	95.65	95.65

#### **Current and Proposed Revenue-to-Cost Ratio**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors (November 28, 2007); and Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy (March 31, 2011)

Standby	100.00	100.00
Embedded Distributor	100.00	100.00
Distributed Generation - DGen	50.00	70.00
Energy From Waste	100.00	100.00

#### Findings

I agree that the proposed revenue-to-cost ratios are consistent with the decision arising from the 2015 cost of service proceeding and approve the revenue-to-cost ratios as filed.

## 7.0 Retail Transmission Service Rates

Electricity distributors use Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) to pass along the cost of transmission service to their distribution customers. The RTSRs are adjusted annually to reflect the application of the current Uniform Transmission Rates ("UTR") to historical transmission deliveries and the revenues generated under existing RTSRs. The UTRs are established annually by a separate OEB order. Similarly, partially embedded distributors, such as Hydro One Brampton, must adjust their RTSRs to reflect any changes to the applicable RTSRs of their host distributor, which in this case is Hydro One Networks Inc. Distributors may apply to the OEB annually to approve the proposed UTRs and RTSRs they will charge their customers.

#### Findings

Distributors whose rates are set as of January 1 typically calculate their RTSRs using the previous year's UTRs as the updates are not yet available. In this case, the OEB has not yet adjusted UTRs and Hydro One sub-transmission class rates for 2016. I will therefore approve the RTSRs as adjusted in this Application to reflect the current applicable rates. The differences arising from the new 2016 rates, once approved, will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

# 8.0 Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor costs (including the cost of power) and the revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these costs through its OEB-approved rates. The total net difference between these costs and revenues is disposed to customers through a temporary charge or credit known as a rate rider.

The OEB's policy on deferral and variance accounts<sup>8</sup> provides that, during the incentive rate-setting (IRM) plan term, the distributor's Group 1 account balances will be reviewed and disposed if the pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, whether in the form of a debit or credit, is exceeded. It is the distributor's responsibility to justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed. If the balances are below this threshold, the distributor may propose to dispose of balances.

Hydro One Brampton's 2014 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2015 is a debit of \$3,500,565. OEB staff confirmed that Hydro One Brampton took steps to ensure that balances in the retail settlement variance accounts from market participants and Class A customers exclude balances related to charges which they settle directly with the IESO. This amount results in a total debit claim of \$0.0009 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold. Hydro One Brampton did not seek disposition of balances in its application.

#### Findings

I conclude that no disposition is required at this time as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded.

## 9.0 Residential Rate Design

Currently, all residential distribution rates include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's April 2, 2015 policy on electricity distribution rate design set out that distribution rates for residential customers will transition to a fully fixed rate structure from the current combination of fixed and variable charges over four years. Starting in 2016, the fixed rate will increase gradually, and the usage rate will decline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (July 31, 2009) **Draft - Decision and Rate Order** 

The 2016 rate model has been revised to include the first year of the gradual transition to fully fixed rates and its impact to the monthly fixed charge that residential customers will pay. The OEB is requiring distributors to calculate and report on the rate impacts of the change so that strategies may be employed to smooth the transition for the customers most impacted, such as those that consume less electricity, if mitigation is required. In support of this, the OEB requires distributors to calculate the impact of this change to residential customers in general; it also requires applicants to calculate the combined impact of the fixed rate increase and any other changes in the cost of distribution service for those customers who are at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of overall consumption. Any increase of 10% or greater to these low-consumption customers' bills arising from changes made in this Decision, or an increase to the monthly fixed charge of greater than \$4 prior to incentive rate-setting adjustments, may result in the requirement for a longer transition period than four years specified in the OEB policy. Distributors may also propose other strategies to smooth out these increases as appropriate.

Adjustments to Hydro One Brampton's rate model to implement the change in fixed rates results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to IRM adjustments of \$3.00; OEB staff have calculated the bill impacts of this Decision, including the fixed rate change, to be below 10% for typical low consumption customers.

#### Findings

I find that the increases to the monthly fixed charge and to low consumption consumers are consistent with OEB policy and approve the increase as calculated in the final rate model.

## 10.0 Implementation and Order

#### Rate Model

With this Decision and Rate Order are a rate model, applicable supporting models and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Appendix A). Entries in the rate model(s) were reviewed to ensure that they were in accordance with Hydro One Brampton's EB-2014-0083 cost of service decision, the 2015 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2014 as reported by Hydro One Brampton to the OEB. The rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

 The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2016 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

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**DATED** at Toronto, [date]

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Appendix A To Decision and Rate Order Tariff of Rates and Charges Board File No: EB-2015-0078 DATED: [date]

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## **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification applies to an account where the electricity is supplied exclusively to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. This includes, but is not limited to, detached houses, one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex also qualify as residential customers. 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 and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0078
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kWh	0.0005
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0118
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Service Charge	\$	14.32

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**

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk metered) shall normally be classified as general service. Where service is provided to combined residential and business, or residential and agricultural, whether seasonal or all-year premises, and the wiring does not provide for separate metering, the service shall normally be classed as general service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	24.77
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0164
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
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 50 TO 699 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 700 kW. 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.

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Service Charge	\$	123.36
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7940
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kW	0.1771
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6937
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9024
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 700 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, 700 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	1,113.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.2434
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kW	0.2029
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0209
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0449
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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## LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand over 12 consecutive months used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than 5,000 kW, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	4,631.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.4556
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kW	0.2634
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.4191
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3636
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 an account 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.07
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0195
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013

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## STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All service supplied to roadway lighting equipment owned by or operated by the City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel, or the Ministry of Transportation, 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.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.26
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.3571
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kW	0.1640
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2429
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5839
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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## STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation and requires the distributor to provide back-up service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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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.

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 and the HST.

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component - Approved on an Interim Basis**

**Distribution Volumetric Rate** 

1.6516

\$/kW

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## EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity distributor licensed by the Board, that is provided electricity by means of this distributor's facilities. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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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 and the HST.

Service Charge	\$	4,094.31
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0209
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0449
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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### DISTRIBUTED GENERATION [DGEN] SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a distributed generator that is not a microFIT or an Energy from Waste Generator and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	82.75
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1576 - effective until December 31, 2017	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048
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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## ENERGY FROM WASTE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility that is not covered by a microFIT or Distributed Generation classification which produces energy from combustion of consumer waste with the capability to generate over 4,000 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

62.10

\$

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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.

#### APPLICATION

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

Service Charge

## **ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month		
General Service less than 50 kW Classification	\$/kWh	(0.0032)
General Service 50 to 699 kW Classification	\$/kW	(0.6840)
General Service 700 to 4,999 kW Classification	\$/kW	(0.8515)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses - applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

\$

5.40

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## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### APPLICATION

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	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
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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
Special Billing Service (aggregation)	\$	125.00
Special Billing Service (sub-metering charge per meter)	\$	25.00
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
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Disconnect/Reconnection for >300 volts - during regular hours	\$	60.00
Disconnect/Reconnection for >300 volts - after regular hours	\$	155.00
Other		
Owner Requested Disconnection/Reconnection - during regular hours	\$	120.00
Owner Requested Disconnection/Reconnection - after regular hours	\$	155.00
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	1.0341
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0239
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045

## Appendix B

## To Decision and Rate Order

List of Rates and Charges Not Affected by the Price Cap or Annual IR Index

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DATED: [date]

The following rates and charges are not affected by the Price Cap or Annual IR Index:

- Rate riders
- Rate adders
- Low voltage service charges
- Retail transmission service rates
- Wholesale market service rate
- Rural or remote electricity rate protection charge
- Standard supply service administrative charge
- Transformation and primary metering allowances
- Loss factors
- Specific service charges
- microFit charge
- Retail service charges