

EB-2015-0094

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

**BEFORE:** Allison Duff

**Presiding Member** 

Victoria Christie Member

### INTERIM RATE ORDER January 22, 2016

Oakville Hydro Distribution Inc. (Oakville Hydro) filed an amended application with the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB) on November 16, 2015 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to rates that Oakville Hydro charges for electricy distribution to be effective for January 1, 2016.

In its Decision and Interim Rate Order issued on January 14, 2016, the OEB ordered Oakville Hydro to review the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A and to provide a written confirmation of its completeness and accuracy, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, within 7 days of the issuance of the Decision and Interim Rate Order.

Oakville Hydro filed a reply on January 20, 2016. In its reply, Oakville Hydro asked that OEB staff update the Tariff of Rates and Charges to correct the following errors. The titles for the General Service rate classifications for customers whose monthly peak demand is greater than 50 kW are:

- General Service 50 to 999 kW rather than General Service 50 to 1,000 kW; and
- General Service 1,000 kW and Greater rather than General Service Greater than 1,000 kW.

The OEB has reviewed the submissions provided by Oakville Hydro and accepts the proposed changes. The OEB is satisfied that the revised Interim Tariff of Rates and Charges accurately reflects the OEB's Decision.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Order will remain interim effective January 1, 2016 until such time as the OEB sets rates on a final basis. Oakville 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, January 22, 2016

#### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

### Schedule A

**To Interim Rate Order** 

**Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

OEB File No: EB-2015-0094

DATED: January 22, 2016

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This class refers to the supply of electrical energy to detached and semi-detached residential buildings as well as farms as defined in the local zoning by-laws. Where the residential dwelling comprises the entire electrical load of a farm, it is defined as a residential service. Where electricity is provided to a combined residential and business (including agricultural usage) and the service does not provide for separate metering, the classification shall be at the discretion of Oakville Hydro and shall be based on such considerations as the estimated predominant consumption. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until April 30, 2019 Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018 Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$ \$ \$/kWh \$/kWh	18.22 0.77 0.79 0.0121 0.0004 0.0081
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component  Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP) Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.0055 0.0036 0.0013 0.0011 0.25

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### ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

In addition to the charges specified on page 1 of this tariff of rates and charges, the following credits are to be applied to eligible residential customers.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of the charges are in accordance with the Distribution System Code (Section 9) and subsection 79.2(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

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In this class:

"Aboriginal person" includes a person who is a First Nations person, a Métis person or an Inuit person;

"account-holder" means a consumer who has an account with a distributor that falls within a residential-rate classification as specified in a rate order made by the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the Act, and who lives at the service address to which the account relates for at least six months in a year;

"electricity-intensive medical device" means an oxygen concentrator, a mechanical ventilator, or such other device as may be specified by the Ontario Energy Board;

"household" means the account-holder and any other people living at the accountholder's service address for at least six months in a year, including people other than the account-holder's spouse, children or other relatives;

"household income" means the combined annual after-tax income of all members of a household aged 16 or over;

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

#### Class A

(a) account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of one or two persons;

(b) account-holders with a household income of between \$28,001 and \$39,000 living in a household of three persons;

(c) account-holders with a household income of between \$39,001 and \$48,000 living in a household of five persons; and

(d) account-holders with a household income of between \$48,001 and \$52,000 living in a household of seven or more persons;

but does not include account-holders in Class E.

OESP Credit \$ (30.00)

#### Class B

(a) account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of three persons;

(b) account-holders with a household income of between \$28,001 and \$39,000 living in a household of four persons;

(c) account-holders with a household income of between \$39,001 and \$48,000 living in a household of six persons;

but does not include account-holders in Class F.

OESP Credit \$ (34.00)

#### Class C

(a) account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of four persons;

(b) account-holders with a household income of between \$28,001 and \$39,000 living in a household of five persons;

(c) account-holders with a household income of between \$39,001 and \$48,000 living in a household of seven or more persons;

but does not include account-holders in Class G.

OESP Credit \$ (38.00)

#### Class D

(a) account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of five persons; and

(b) account-holders with a household income of between \$28,001 and \$39,000 living in a household of six persons;

but does not include account-holders in Class H.

OESP Credit \$ (42.00)

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#### Class E

Class E comprises account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class A who also meet any of the following conditions:

- (a) the dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity;
- (b) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Aboriginal person; or
- (c) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.

OESP Credit \$ (45.00)

#### Class F

- (a) account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of six or more persons;
- (b) account-holders with a household income of between \$28,001 and \$39,000 living in a household of seven or more persons; or
- (c) account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class B who also meet any of the following conditions:
  - i. the dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity;
  - ii. the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Aboriginal person; or
  - iii. the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates

OESP Credit \$ (50.00)

#### Class G

Class G comprises account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class C who also meet any of the following conditions:

- (a) the dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity;
- (b) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Aboriginal person; or
- (c) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.

OESP Credit \$ (55.00)

#### Class H

Class H comprises account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class D who also meet any of the following conditions:

- (a) the dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity;
- (b) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Aboriginal person; or
- (c) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.

OESP Credit \$ (60.00)

#### Class I

Class I comprises account-holders with a household income and household size described under paragraphs (a) or (b) of Class F who also meet any of the following conditions:

- (a) the dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity;
- (b) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Aboriginal person; or
- (c) the account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.

OESP Credit \$ (75.00)

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#### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This class refers to customers who do not qualify as residential customers and whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is less than 50kW. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. Note: Apartment buildings or multi-unit complexes and subdivisions that are not individually metered are treated as General Service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP) Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh \$	0.0036 0.0013 0.0011 0.25

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

This class refers to customers who do not qualify as residential customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is in the range of 50 to 999 kW. There are two sub categories within this class, those being non-interval and interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$ \$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	121.79 4.7626 0.1313 2.8206
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW \$/kW \$/kW	2.9117 1.8988 1.9602
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0036 0.0013
Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$	0.0011 0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW AND GREATER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This class refers to customers who do not qualify as residential customers whose monthly average peak demand in the preceding twelve months is equal to or greater than 1,000 kW. These accounts will all be interval metered accounts. For new customers without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on 90% of the proposed capacity or installed transformation. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	3,495.67
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7642
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1313
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.9117
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9602
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP)	\$/kWh	0.0011
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, pedestrian X-Walk signals/beacons, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information and 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) Distribution Volumetric Rate Low Voltage Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$ \$/kWh \$/kWh \$/kWh	10.10 0.0095 0.0003 0.0075 0.0050
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0036 0.0013
Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$	0.0011 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.76
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	46.8610
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0255
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5654
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3806
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$/kWh \$	0.0011 0.25

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for the Municipality, the Region or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Street Lighting plant, facilities, or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) requirements and Oakville Hydro specifications. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP)	\$/kWh	0.0011
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#### EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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#### microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Independent Electricity System Operator'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 General Service > 50 to 999kW customers that own their transformers (per kW of billing		
demand/month)	\$/kW	(0.50)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses - applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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#### **Customer Administration**

Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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
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
Other		
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Service call (after first service call in a 12-month period) - during regular hours	\$	30.00
Service call (after first service call in a 12-month period) - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary Service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35

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

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### **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy 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.

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 the Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

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	1.0376
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0272
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045