



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

DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2015-0059

CENTRE WELLINGTON HYDRO LTD.

Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2016.

BEFORE: Allison Duff
Presiding Member

Victoria Christie
Member

March 17, 2016

1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd. (Centre Wellington Hydro) serves about 7,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Centre Wellington. As a licenced and rate-regulated distributor in Ontario, the company must receive the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers.

Centre Wellington Hydro filed an application with the OEB on September 28, 2015, to seek approval for changes to its distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2016. The OEB has established three different rate-setting methods for distributors. Centre Wellington Hydro 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. Centre Wellington Hydro last appeared before the OEB with a cost of service application for 2013 in the EB-2012-0113 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 Centre Wellington Hydro's application. The following issues are addressed in this Decision and Rate Order.

- Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting
- Regulatory Charges
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Review and Disposition of Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Review and Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account Balance
- Residential Rate Design
- Implementation and Order

In accordance with the OEB-approved parameters for inflation and productivity for 2016, Centre Wellington Hydro applied for a rate increase of 1.80%. The 1.80% applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes; it does not apply to the rates and charges listed in Schedule B.

Centre Wellington Hydro 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

2016.¹ Accordingly, the fixed monthly charge for 2016 has been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone and the variable-usage rate is commensurately lower. The amount of revenue the distributor is expected to collect from residential customers will not be affected, only the proportion of revenue collected through variable and fixed charges.

The bill impacts arising from this Decision for Centre Wellington Hydro result in a monthly increase of \$0.32 for a residential customer consuming 800 kWh.

The OEB approves the adjustments to Centre Wellington Hydro's application as calculated through this proceeding.

2 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, Centre Wellington Hydro provided written evidence and a completed rate model to support its application on September 28, 2015. OEB staff and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) also participated in the proceeding. Questions were asked and answers were provided by Centre Wellington Hydro to clarify and correct the evidence. Finally, Centre Wellington Hydro, OEB staff and VECC made submissions to the OEB regarding Centre Wellington Hydro's application.

3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

The OEB has organized this Decision into sections, reflecting the issues that the OEB has considered in making its findings.² 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 implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

¹ Board Policy: A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers, EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

² See list of issues in the Introduction, p.1

4 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.³ 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,⁴ 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%.⁵ 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 Centre Wellington Hydro 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 Centre Wellington Hydro 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 Schedule B.

³ Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)

⁴ As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 3 above

⁵ Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2014 Benchmarking Update." Pacific Economics Group LLC. July 2015

⁶ As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 5 above

5 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 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

The OEB has determined⁷ that the RRRP charge for 2016 shall be \$0.0013 per kWh; the WMS rate shall be \$0.0036 per kWh; and the OESP charge shall be \$0.0011 per kWh. These changes have been in effect since January 1, 2016 for all distributors as a result of the generic order that was part of the OEB's separate decision. The Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision and Rate Order has been updated so as to reflect these new regulatory charges, as well as the OESP credits to be provided to enrolled low income customers.

⁷ Decision and Rate Order, EB-2015-0294

6 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

The OEB approves an amount for taxes in a distributor's cost of service proceeding that is based on the tax rates in place at the time. Legislated changes in tax rates impact the amount of taxes that a distributor pays in the period between cost of service proceedings, but it does not alter the amount that ratepayers contribute towards the cost of taxes unless the rates are updated by an order of the OEB. The OEB has determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate. The shared tax change amount will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from a distributor's last cost of service proceeding. In accordance with the OEB's rate design policy, the rate riders to dispose of these amounts will be calculated as a fixed monthly charge for residential customers.

The application identified a total tax increase of \$4,840 resulting in a shared amount of \$2,420 to be charged to rate payers. Centre Wellington Hydro requested the OEB to record this amount in a variance account for disposition in a future application given the associated rate riders would be negligible.

Findings

The OEB agrees with Centre Wellington Hydro's request to record this amount in the variance account for future disposition. Accordingly, the OEB directs Centre Wellington Hydro to record the tax sharing charge of \$2,420 in variance Account 1595 by June 30, 2016 for disposition at a future date.

7 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, embedded distributors, such as Centre Wellington Hydro, 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 RTSRs they propose to charge their customers.

Findings

The OEB approved new rates for Hydro One's Sub-Transmission class, including the applicable RTSRs,⁸ as shown in the following table:

2016 Sub-Transmission RTSRs

Network Service Rate	\$3.34 per kW
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.78 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.77 per kW

The OEB finds that these 2016 Sub-Transmission class RTSRs are to be incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that Centre Wellington Hydro will charge its customers.

8 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 accounts⁹ provides that, during the IR 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.

Centre Wellington Hydro's 2014 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2016 is a debit of \$61,384. This amount results

⁸ Rate Order, EB-2015-0079, issued January 14, 2016

⁹ Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (July 31, 2009)

in a total debit claim of \$0.0004 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold. Centre Wellington Hydro did not seek disposition of balances in its application.

Findings

The OEB finds that no disposition of the Group 1 account balances is required at this time as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded.

9 REVIEW AND DISPOSITION OF THE LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCE

As part of the Ministry of Energy's conservation-first strategy, the OEB requires distributors to engage in and deliver conservation and demand management activities in an effort to reduce total energy consumption and reduce peak demand on the provincial electricity system. The OEB policy¹⁰ established the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture the revenue implications for the distributor from the reduction in actual demand, as compared with the last OEB-approved load forecast, resulting from conservation and demand management activities. These differences are recorded for each of a distributor's customer classes.

A distributor may apply for the disposition of the balance in the LRAMVA on an annual basis, as part of its IRM rate application, if the balance is deemed significant by the distributor.

In its application, Centre Wellington filed for an LRAMVA disposition amount of \$82,616 consisting of lost revenues in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 from conservation and demand management programs (CDM) contributing towards Centre Wellington Hydro's 2011-2014 reduction targets. In response to OEB staff interrogatories, Centre Wellington Hydro revised its LRAMVA amount to reflect the final verified 2014 CDM results received from the IESO on August 31, 2015. Centre Wellington Hydro revised the disposition amount to \$122,840.

OEB staff submitted that Centre Wellington Hydro had properly relied on the 2014 final verified results provided by the IESO but had not used the CDM load forecast adjustment amount of 2,288,799 kWh as approved in its 2013 Cost of Service proceeding. OEB staff requested that Centre Wellington Hydro update its calculations to use the previously approved CDM load forecast adjustment.

¹⁰ Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management (April 26, 2012)

VECC did not provide a submission on this issue.

In its reply submission Centre Wellington Hydro updated its LRAMVA model to reflect the 2013 Cost of Service approved CDM impact adjustment of 2,288,799 kWh. Centre Wellington Hydro's revised LRAMVA balance is \$96,885.

Centre Wellington Hydro's LRAMVA claim includes amounts related to CDM programs deployed in demand billed classes. In a memorandum from the IESO to OEB staff dated February 24, 2016, and shared by the OEB with the applicant on March 3, 2016, the IESO explained its definition of verified demand savings. The IESO reported that its methodology for evaluating demand response program results "makes no attempt to verify the impact that a demand response event may have on a customer's demand for the purposes of billing for distribution service, even in months where the demand response program was activated." The memorandum also reported that while demand savings due to energy efficiency investments may persist beyond the peak season, effects are expected to vary based on the type of program.

Findings

The OEB will not approve the disposition of the LRAMVA balance at this time. The issue of the appropriateness of adjustments to IESO-verified CDM results to impute lost distribution revenues in demand billed classes has arisen in Centre Wellington Hydro's and a number of other applications before the OEB. Given the generic nature of this issue and the absence of clear revenue impact evidence in certain classes as a result of CDM program deployment, the OEB intends to hold a stakeholder meeting on March 31, 2016 to determine the appropriate approach for the demonstration and calculation of the distribution revenue impacts from demand savings for LRAMVA purposes. In a March 3, 2016 letter, the OEB communicated this plan and indicated that it expects to issue further guidance on the LRAMVA following the stakeholder meeting.

The postponement to the disposition of an LRAMVA claim at this time shall be without prejudice to any future claim once further policy guidance is available. Interest will continue to accrue in the LRAMVA account until disposition.

10 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 sets 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.

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. 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 10th 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.

In its originally filed rate generator model, calculations indicated that the fixed charge would have to be increased by \$7.49 per rate year if Centre Wellington Hydro were to complete the transition in four years. Centre Wellington Hydro then proposed that it would implement the transition to fixed rates over an eight-year period. In its interrogatories, OEB staff questioned the accuracy of the consumption data associated with the residential class provided by Centre Wellington Hydro. In response, Centre Wellington Hydro noted that it had based the calculation on the total annual consumption of all classes in the model rather than the total annual consumption of the residential class only. Centre Wellington Hydro provided an updated model with corrected inputs showing the fixed charge would increase by less than \$3 under a four-year implementation period.

OEB staff submitted that Centre Wellington Hydro had correctly updated the model and as a result, no mitigation was necessary.

VECC acknowledged Centre Wellington Hydro's correction. VECC submitted it calculated that when the removal of the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, Debit Retirement Charge and addition of the OESP are taken into consideration, the total bill impacts for the lowest consumption residential customer are over 22%.

VECC further submitted that the OEB could consider options such as extending the transition to fixed rates over a longer period and/or varying the annual incremental increases in order to keep bill impacts below 10%. VECC further submitted the OEB could consider delaying the implementation of the move to a fixed rate design for one year.

Centre Wellington Hydro submitted it agreed with OEB staff regarding the updated model and indicated that the proposed transition over a four-year period was still appropriate.

Findings

The OEB approves the proposed transition to fixed rates for residential customers over a four-year period. The OEB finds that the increases to the monthly fixed charge and to low consumption consumers are consistent with OEB policy and approves the rate changes as calculated in the final rate model.

The OEB has verified that the combined impact of the fixed rate increase and the other changes in the cost of distribution service for customers associated with this Decision at the 10th percentile of overall consumption is less than 10% and requires no further form of mitigation. Changes to the bill resulting from the provincial government's decision to phase out the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and the Debt Retirement Charge are not within the scope of the evaluation.

11 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

With this Decision and Rate Order, the OEB is providing Centre Wellington Hydro with a rate model, applicable supporting models and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). The OEB also reviewed the entries in the model to ensure that they were in accordance with Centre Wellington Hydro's EB-2012-0113 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 Centre Wellington Hydro to the OEB. The rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Centre Wellington Hydro's new distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2016.
2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A shall be deemed *draft* until the parties have complied with the subsequent procedural steps.
3. Centre Wellington Hydro shall review the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A and shall file with the OEB, 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.

4. If the OEB does not receive a submission from Centre Wellington Hydro to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 3, the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order will be considered final. Centre Wellington Hydro shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
5. If the OEB receives a submission from Centre Wellington Hydro to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 3, the OEB will consider the submission of Centre Wellington Hydro prior to issuing a revised Tariff of Rates and Charges which will be considered final.

COST AWARDS

The OEB will issue a separate decision on cost awards once the following steps are completed:

1. VECC submits its cost claims no later than **7 days** from the date of issuance of this Decision and Rate Order.
2. Centre Wellington Hydro shall file with the OEB and forward to VECC any objections to the claimed costs within **17 days** from the date of issuance of this Decision and Rate Order.
3. VECC shall file with the OEB and forward to Centre Wellington Hydro any responses to any objections for cost claims within **24 days** from the date of issuance of this Decision and Rate Order.
4. Centre Wellington Hydro shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file number, EB-2015-0059 and be made electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. 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 <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. 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 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, March 17, 2016

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2015-0059

DATED: March 17, 2016

Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES
Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2016
This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously
approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification is for single dwelling units with separate metering, detached, semi-detached, triplex, etc.. 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 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. 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 Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	18.30
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0110
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0018
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0053

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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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.

The application of these 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.

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)
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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)
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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)
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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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ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

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 classification applies to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecasted to be less than, 50kW. 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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	18.15
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until April 30, 2017	\$	4.26
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0189
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047

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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GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 2,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	167.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.6529
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6302
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4957
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8509

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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GENERAL SERVICE 3,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	675.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8816
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7433
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7911
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1830

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	6.81
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0107
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0047

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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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	4.66
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	12.3235
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4974
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8917
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4608

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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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 of these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.1643
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4872
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8821
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4309

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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microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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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
Statement of account	\$	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
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (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
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
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - after regular hours	\$	165.00
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
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00

Other

Service call - customer-owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	160.00
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 (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	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	1.0497
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0393

Schedule 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: March 17, 2016

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