



**Ontario Energy Board  
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**DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2016-0079**

**HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.**

**Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective January 1, 2017.**

**By Delegation, Before: Lynne Anderson**

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**December 8, 2016**

# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is the Decision and Rate Order for Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.'s Incentive Regulation Mechanism application for 2017 rates.

Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. (Hydro Hawkesbury) serves about 5,500 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Hawkesbury. The company is seeking the Ontario Energy Board's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

Distributors may choose one of three Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate-setting methods. Hydro Hawkesbury has selected the Price Cap Incentive rate setting (Price Cap IR) option that has a five-year term. Rates are set through a cost of service rebasing application for the first year and are adjusted mechanistically through an Incentive Regulation Mechanism (IRM application) for each of the ensuing four years. The price cap adjustment is based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of a distributor's efficiency.

Hydro Hawkesbury filed an IRM application with the OEB on August 15, 2016 to seek approval for changes to its distribution rates to be effective January 1, 2017. Hydro Hawkesbury last appeared before the OEB with a cost of service application for 2014 in the EB-2013-0139 proceeding.

The OEB addresses the following issues with respect to Hydro Hawkesbury's IRM application in this Decision and Rate Order.

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Regulatory Charges
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design
- Implementation and Order

Given the amount of Hydro Hawkesbury's overearnings in 2016, Hydro Hawkesbury used a Price Escalator of 0.00% in the application.

Hydro Hawkesbury also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. Last year, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the fixed

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

monthly charge for 2017 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. This policy change does not affect the total revenue distributors collect from residential customers.

This Decision on Hydro Hawkesbury's IRM application will result in a monthly increase of \$0.66 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh.

The OEB approves the adjustments made to Hydro Hawkesbury's application, and the associated rates calculated, as a result of this proceeding. The rates for distribution services are approved on an interim basis.

## 2 THE PROCESS

The OEB follows a standard, streamlined process for IRM applications under Price Cap IR.

The OEB first prepares a rate model that includes information from past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. The distributor then reviews and updates the model and includes it with its application.

On August 15, 2016, Hydro Hawkesbury submitted its IRM application supported by written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked and answers were provided by Hydro Hawkesbury through emails and phone calls. Based on this information, a decision was drafted and provided to Hydro Hawkesbury on November 21, 2016. Hydro Hawkesbury was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to finalizing this Decision.

## 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

The OEB has organized this Decision into sections to reflect the issues that were considered in making its findings.<sup>2</sup> Each section outlines the OEB's reasons for approving or denying the proposals included in the application and affecting 2017 rates. The last section addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

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<sup>2</sup> See list of issues in the Introduction, p.1

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

The price cap adjustment follows an OEB-approved formula that includes annually updated components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains.<sup>3</sup> The formula is an *inflation minus X-factor* rate adjustment, which is intended to incent innovation and efficiency. The OEB has set the inflation factor for 2017 rates at 1.9% based on its established formula.<sup>4</sup>

The X-factors for individual distributors have two parts: a productivity element established from a historical analysis of industry cost performance; and a stretch factor based on 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 experience 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 in accordance with their cost performance relative to expected levels, to reflect the incremental productivity gains that distributors are expected to achieve.

In this case, the OEB assigned Hydro Hawkesbury a stretch factor of 0.00% based on the updated benchmarking study for use for rates effective in 2017.<sup>6</sup> Although the resulting net price cap adjustment for Hydro Hawkesbury is 1.90% (i.e. 1.9% - (0% + 0.00%)), Hydro Hawkesbury is not seeking to adjust base distribution rates based on the Price-Cap IR rate adjustment for 2017. Hydro Hawkesbury reported to the OEB that its regulatory ROE measured 19.72% in 2015 – 1,036 basis points above the target ROE upon which its rates are established. Hydro Hawkesbury has requested no price cap rate adjustment in this application.

In the current application, Hydro Hawkesbury applied for an increase of zero. In the 2016 application<sup>7</sup>, the OEB approved the Price Cap IR increase of 2.1% but the incremental amount was approved on an interim basis. This approval reflected the fact that Hydro Hawkesbury has been earning a return on a substation asset since it was

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

<sup>4</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 3 above

<sup>5</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2015 Benchmarking Update." Pacific Economics Group LLC. July 2016

<sup>6</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 5 above

<sup>7</sup> EB-2015-0077 Decision and Rate Order (December 10, 2015)

initially approved by the OEB for inclusion in rate base in its 2014 cost of service proceeding, although its in-service date had been significantly delayed.

In response to questions from OEB staff about the substation, Hydro Hawkesbury provided an estimate of the timeline for completion and final cost of the project. Hydro Hawkesbury stated that the construction started on September 26, 2016 and is expected to be completed by January 20, 2017. Hydro Hawkesbury further indicated that its cost of service application for 2018 rates (to be filed in April 2017) will include a proposal to return the over-collection of \$300,720. Hydro Hawkesbury has also provided a schedule showing the calculation of the estimated refund amount.

### Distribution Revenue Requirement comparison

	Test Year Rev Req incl. 110kV	Test Year Rev Req excl. 110kV	Diff. to be refunded back to customer
OM&A Expenses	\$1,126,665	\$1,126,665	\$0
Amortization Expense	\$206,119	\$178,643	-\$27,476
			\$0
Total Distribution Expenses	\$1,332,784	\$1,305,308	-\$27,476
			\$0
Regulated Return On Capital	\$385,394	\$338,306	-\$47,089
<i>IFRS Adjustment</i>			\$0
Grossed up PILs	\$12,526	\$7,167	-\$5,359
<b>Service Revenue Requirement</b>	<b>\$1,718,178</b>	<b>\$1,643,614</b>	<b>-\$74,565</b>
			\$0
Less: Revenue Offsets	\$140,139	\$140,139	\$0
			\$0
<b>Base Revenue Requirement</b>	<b>\$1,578,039</b>	<b>\$1,503,474</b>	<b>-\$74,565</b>

#### Total credit for over-collection of revenues associated with the 110kV substation.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Diff in Revenue Requirement	-\$74,565	-\$74,565	-\$74,565	-\$74,565	
Price Cap Approved in IRM	0	1.70%	1.60%	0	
	<u>-\$74,565</u>	<u>-\$75,832</u>	<u>-\$75,758</u>	<u>-\$74,565</u>	<u>-\$300,720</u>

## Findings

The OEB finds that no price cap adjustment will be applied to Hydro Hawkesbury's distribution service rates. Given the magnitude of the over-earning in 2015, the distribution service rates are approved on an interim basis. The OEB will consider the circumstances underpinning Hydro Hawkesbury's over-earning, and any proposal for redressing the situation, in a future proceeding.

## 5 REGULATORY CHARGES

Customers are charged a number of fees 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 cost of providing electricity service, and therefore the rates, greatly exceeds those 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 program to deliver on-bill rate assistance to low income electricity customers. All Ontario customers contribute to the OESP through the OESP charge.

These three regulatory charges are components of the Regulatory Charge on customers' bill and 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 2017. The Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from this Decision will reflect the currently-approved charges. When new charges are established for 2017, the OEB will issue a rate order, which will apply to Hydro Hawkesbury's 2017 rates.

## 6 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 revised costs as calculated by the application of the current Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) to historical transmission deliveries. The UTRs are established annually by a separate OEB order. Partially embedded distributors, such as Hydro Hawkesbury, must also 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 approves the RTSRs as adjusted in this application to reflect current applicable rates. As is typical for distributors whose rates are set as of January 1, these RTSRs are based on previous year's rates as the OEB has not yet adjusted UTRs and Hydro One sub-transmission class rates for 2017. The differences between the previous and the new 2017 RTSRs, once approved, will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

## 7 LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT

As part of the Ministry of Energy's conservation-first strategy, the OEB requires distributors to engage in and deliver conservation and demand management (CDM) activities to reduce total energy consumption. The OEB policy<sup>8</sup> established a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture the distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual demand and the last OEB-approved load forecast. These differences are to be recorded by distributors at the rate class level.

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 the event that a distributor wishes to include a request for lost revenues

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<sup>8</sup> Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management (EB-2012-0003)

from demand response programs as part of the LRAMVA, it must do so as part of a cost of service application.<sup>9</sup>

In this application, Hydro Hawkesbury filed a completed LRAMVA workform and indicated that it is not requesting to dispose its LRAMVA balance at this time as it does not deem the amount to be significant; as a result, the OEB has not reviewed the LRAMVA workform or submission.

## Findings

The OEB accepts Hydro Hawkesbury's proposal not to dispose of the LRAMVA balance at this time. In accordance with the CDM Guidelines, and Chapter 3 of the filing requirements, the OEB will review the LRAMVA application and workform at the time that Hydro Hawkesbury proposes disposition of its LRAMVA account balance as part of an IRM application, or at a minimum, as part of Hydro Hawkesbury's next cost of service rate application.

## 8 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCES

Group 1 deferral and variance accounts (Group 1 accounts) track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor services (including the cost of power) and the associated revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these services. 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<sup>10</sup> is to review and dispose of the distributor's Group 1 account balances if they exceed (as a debit or credit) the pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh during the IR plan term. The distributor must justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed. The distributor may dispose of balances below this threshold if its proposal to do so is justified.

Hydro Hawkesbury's 2015 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2016 is a debit of \$15,329. This amount results in a total debit claim of \$0.0001 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold. Hydro Hawkesbury did not seek disposition of balances in its application.

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<sup>9</sup> Report of the OEB; Updated Policy for the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Calculation: Lost Revenues and Peak Demand Savings from Conservation and Demand Management Programs (EB-2016-0182)

<sup>10</sup> Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (July 31, 2009)



## Findings

The OEB finds that no disposition is required at this time as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded.

## 9 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB residential rate design policy<sup>11</sup> stipulates that electricity distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four year period starting in 2016. This year's IRM applications are once again required to adjust the distribution rates to increase the fixed charge and decrease the variable charge consistent with the policy.

The OEB expects the applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation (generally a lengthening of the transition period) for customers in the transition is required. The first test is to calculate the change in the monthly fixed charge, and to consider mitigation if it exceeds \$4. The second is to calculate the total bill impact of the proposals in the application for low volume residential customers (defined as those residential RPP customers whose consumption is at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Hydro Hawkesbury's implementation of the transition results is an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.30. The bill impacts arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, are below 10% for low volume residential customers.

## Findings

The OEB finds that the increases to the monthly fixed charge and to low consumption residential consumers are below the thresholds set in the OEB policy and approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final rate model.

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid page 2

## 10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

### Rate Model

This Decision and Rate Order is accompanied by a rate model, applicable supporting model and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). Entries in the model were reviewed to ensure that they are in accordance with Hydro Hawkesbury's EB-2013-0139 cost of service decision, the 2016 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2015 as reported by Hydro Hawkesbury to the OEB. The rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2017 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. The Tariff of Rates and Charges is approved on a final basis with the exception of the monthly service charge and volumetric distribution rates, which are approved on an interim basis. Hydro Hawkesbury 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, December 8, 2016  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2016-0079**

**DATED: December 8, 2016**

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**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Energy is generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60-Hertz, having nominal voltage of 120/240 Volts and up to 400 amps. There shall be only one delivery point to a dwelling. The Basic Connection for Residential consumers is defined as 100 amp 120/240 volt overhead service. A Residential building is supplied at one service voltage per land parcel. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. 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 - approved on an interim basis	\$	11.90
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kWh	0.0051
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036

### 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)

#### 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 classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW, and Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. 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 - approved on an interim basis	\$	15.47
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kWh	0.0061
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032

### 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 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 500 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 500 kW interval metered

General Service greater than 500 to 5,000 kW interval metered. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. 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 - approved on an interim basis	\$	100.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kW	2.0470
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2419
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6887
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3018

### 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, 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. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per customer) - approved on an interim basis	\$	6.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kWh	0.0039
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection) - approved on an interim basis	\$	1.66
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kW	3.2940
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3818
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0285
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0549

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

Service Charge (per connection) - approved on an interim basis	\$/kW	0.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate - approved on an interim basis	\$/kW	5.9651
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1870
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0279
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0063

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
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Ontario Electricity Support Program Charge (OESP)	\$/kWh	0.0011
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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
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	20.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	40.00
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	\$	15.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	30.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	100.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	300.00
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	30.00
Install/remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	165.00

**Other**

Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
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	1.0541
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0436

**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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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
- Ontario Electricity Support Program
- Transformation and primary metering allowances
- Loss factors
- Specific service charges
- microFIT charge
- Retail service charges