

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

# DECISION AND RATE ORDER EB-2017-0043

## **GRIMSBY POWER INCORPORATED**

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2018

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

[date]

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Grimsby Power Incorporated (Grimsby Power) on August 9, 2017, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

Grimsby Power serves about 11,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Grimsby. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

A distributor may choose one of three rate-setting methodologies approved by the OEB. Each of these is explained in the OEB's *Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications* (the Filing Requirements).

Grimsby Power's application is based on a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (Price Cap IR) with a five-year term. The Price Cap IR option involves the setting of rates through a cost of service (COS or rebasing) application in the first year. Mechanistic price cap adjusments, based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of the distributor's efficiency, are then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly bill increase of \$3.84 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective January 1, 2018.

Grimsby Power has 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. In 2015, 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 monthly charge for 2018 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic price cap adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

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

## 2 THE PROCESS

This Decision is being issued by delegated authority, without a hearing, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the OEB Act).

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for IRM applications filed under Price Cap IR. In each adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, the OEB prepares a Rate Generator Model that includes information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model and include it with its application. During the course of the proceeding, the Rate Generator Model will also be updated or corrected, as required.

The Rate Generator Model updates base rates, retail transmission service rates and, if applicable, shared tax saving adjustments. It also calculates rate riders for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances.

Grimsby Power filed its application on August 9, 2017, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Grimsby Power supported its application with written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Grimsby Power through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Grimsby Power on December 1, 2017. Grimsby Power was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

## **3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION**

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues, and provides reasons for approving or denying Grimsby Power's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design

In the final section, the OEB addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Grimsby Power seeks to increase its rates, effective January 1, 2018, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved *inflation minus X-factor* formula applicable to Price Cap IR applications.

The components of the Price Cap IR formula applicable to Grimsby Power are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.05% increase to Grimsby Power's rates: 1.05% = 1.20% - (0.00% + 0.15%).

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>2</sup>		1.20%
V Factor	Productivity <sup>3</sup>	0.00%
X-Factor	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>4</sup>	0.15%

### Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

The inflation factor of 1.20% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2018 rate year.

The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that will vary among different groupings of distributors. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors with a tangible incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income.

The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2018 rate year.

The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, each within a range from 0.00% to 0.60%. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Report of the Board – "Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors", EB-2010-0379, December 4, 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board - "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2016 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., July 15, 2017

stretch factor assigned to any particular distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The most efficient distributor would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.00%. Conversely, a higher stretch factor would be applied to a less efficient distributor (in accordance with its cost performance relative to expected levels) to reflect the incremental productivity gains that the distributor is expected to achieve. The stretch factor assigned to Grimsby Power is 0.15%.

### Findings

The OEB finds that Grimsby Power's request for a 1.05% Price Cap IR adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Grimsby Power's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2018.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>5</sup>

## **5 REVENUE-TO-COST RATIO ADJUSTMENTS**

A revenue-to-cost ratio measures the relationship between the revenues that a distributor expects to receive from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. Generally, an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratio of one rate class will result in a decrease to the ratio of one or more of the other rate classes. A distributor may seek to adjust its revenue-to-cost ratios during an IRM term, in accordance with OEB-established target ranges, if the adjustment was approved by the OEB in a previous proceeding.<sup>6</sup>

In this application, Grimsby Power proposes an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratios for the Unmetered Scattered Load service classification. The additional revenues from these adjustments would be used to reduce the revenue-to-cost ratios for General Service 50 to 4,999 kW service classification customers.

Table 5.1, below, outlines the revenue-to-cost ratios for which the applicant seeks

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: 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, and retail service charges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Report of the Board – "Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors" EB-2007-0667, November 28, 2007; and, Report of the Board – "Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy" EB-2010-0219, March 31, 2011

approval for the 2018 rate year.

Rate Class	2017 Ratio (%)	Proposed 2018 Ratio (%)
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	1.06	1.06
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	1.02	1.02
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	.81	.80
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	.72	.80
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	1.06	1.06
EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	1.00	1.00

#### Findings

The OEB agrees that the proposed adjustments for the 2018 rate year are consistent with OEB's findings in its decision for Grimsby Power's 2016 rates.<sup>7</sup> Grimsby Power's revenue-to-cost ratios are approved, as set out in Table 5.1 above.

## **6 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES**

Distributors charge retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) to their customers to recover the amounts they pay to a transmitter, a host distributor or both for transmission services. All transmitters charge Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) approved by the OEB to distributors connected to the transmission system. Host distributors charge RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

Grimsby Power is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution system and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 6.1 and Table

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Decision and Order on Cost Awards, EB-2015-0072, August 18, 2016

#### 6.2.

### Table 6.1: Hydro One Networks Inc. UTRs<sup>8</sup>

Current Applicable UTRs (2017)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.52
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.88
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.13

### Table 6.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission RTSRs<sup>9</sup>

Current Applicable Sub-Transmission RTSRs (2017)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.19
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.75

### Findings

Grimsby Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current UTRs and host-RTSRs.

The differences resulting from the approval of new 2018 UTRs or RTSRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

## 7 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0280, November 23, 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016

disposed.<sup>10</sup> OEB policy requires that Group 1 accounts be disposed if they exceed (as a debit or credit) a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor justifies why balances should not be disposed.<sup>11</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2016 actual year-end total balance for Grimsby Power's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2017 is a debit of \$384,501. This amount represents a total debit claim of \$0.0021 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Grimsby Power proposes the disposition of this debit amount over a one-year period.

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account credit balance of \$24,395. A customer's costs for the commodity portion of its electricity service reflects the sum of two charges: the price of electricity established by the operation of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administered wholesale market, and the GA.<sup>12</sup>

The GA is paid by consumers in several different ways:

- For Regulated Price Plan (RPP) customers, the GA is incorporated into the standard commodity rates, therefore there is no variance account for the GA.
- Customers who participate in the Ontario Industrial Conservation Initiative program are referred to as "Class A" customers. These customers are assessed GA costs through a peak demand factor that is based on the percentage their demand contributes to the top five Ontario system peaks. This factor determines a Class A customer's allocation for a year-long billing period that starts in July every year. As distributors settle with Class A customers based on the actual GA costs there is no resulting variance.
- "Class B" non-RPP customers pay the GA charge based on the amount of electricity they consume in a month (kWh). Class B non-RPP customers are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> "Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)", EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The GA is established monthly, by the IESO, and varies in accordance with market conditions. It is the difference between the market price and the sum of the rates paid to regulated and contracted generators and conservation and demand management (demand response) program costs.

billed GA based on an IESO published GA price. For Class B non-RPP customers, distributors track any difference between the billed amounts and actual costs in the GA Variance Account for disposal, once audited.

Grimsby Power proposes the recovery of its GA variance account credit balance of \$24,395 as at December 31, 2016, including interest to December 31, 2017, in accordance with Table 7.1:

### Table 7.1: Recovery of GA Variance

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
24,395 returned to customers who were Class B for the entire eriod from January 2016 to December 2016	per kWh rate rider

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes a credit of \$8,245 for the return of Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges for Class B customers related to the IESO's wholesale energy market Demand Response 3 program. Distributors paid CBR charges to the IESO in 2016 and recorded these to a dedicated sub-account. The disposition of this sub-account is impacted by whether or not a distributor had any customers who were part of Class A during the period from January 2016 to December 2016.

Grimsby Power had no Class A customers during the period from January 2016 to December 2016 so it applied to have the balance of this account disposed along with Account 1580 - Wholesale Market Service Charge through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider.

The remaining Group 1 accounts being sought for disposition, through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider, include the following flow through variance accounts: Low Voltage Charges, Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges, Retail Transmission Service Charges, Commodity Power Charges, and Account 1595 residual balances. These Group 1 accounts have a debit balance of \$408,896, which results in a charge to customers.

Grimsby Power submits that the balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping* 

*Requirements.*<sup>13</sup> Grimsby Power futher notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.<sup>14</sup>

### Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$384,501 as of December 31, 2016, including interest projected to December 31, 2017 for Group 1 accounts.

The following table identifies the principal and interest amounts which the OEB approves for disposition.

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	145,197	2,829	148,026
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(1,947)	(55)	(2,002)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(153,572)	(2,754)	(156,326)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(8,084)	(161)	(8,245)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	157,787	2,119	159,906
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	59,582	273	59,856
RSVA – Power	1588	205,155	2,538	207,693
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(26,069)	1,674	(24,395)
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2015)	1595	(12)	(1)	(13)
Totals for all Group 1 a	ccounts	378,038	6,462	384,501

Table 7.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 11 above.

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.<sup>15</sup> The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is, generally, the start of the rate year. Grimsby Power shall ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending March 31, 2018 (Quarter 1).

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through a rate rider as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The rate riders will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.<sup>16</sup>

## 8 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's residential rate design policy stipulates that distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period, beginning in 2016.<sup>17</sup> The OEB requires that distributors filing IRM applications affecting 2018 rates continue with this transition by once again adjusting their distribution rates to increase the fixed monthly service charge and decrease the variable charge consistent with the policy.

The OEB expects an applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation of bill impacts for customers is required during the transition period. Mitigation usually takes the form of a lengthening of the transition period. 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.

Grimsby Power notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.55. The bill impacts arising from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 2018 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation", Tab 6.2 "CBR B", Tab 6.2a "CBR\_Allocation" and Tab 7 "Calculation of Def-Var RR"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 1 above.

the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, are below 10% for low volume residential customers.

### Findings

The OEB finds that the proposed 2018 increase to the monthly fixed charge is calculated in accordance with the OEB's residential rate design policy. The results of the monthly fixed charge, and total bill impact for low consumption residential consumers show that no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final Rate Generator Model.

## 9 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Grimsby Power's last COS decision, and to ensure that the 2017 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2016, are as reported by Grimsby Power to the OEB.

The Rate Generator Model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies. The Rate Generator Model incorporates the rates set out in the following table.

### Table 9.1: Regulatory Charges

Rate	
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0003
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	\$0.0004

Each of these rates is a component of the "Regulatory Charge" on a customer's bill, established annually by the OEB through a separate generic order. The RRRP rate was set by the OEB on June 22, 2017.<sup>18</sup> The WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0234, June 22, 2017

December 15, 2016.<sup>19</sup>

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

 The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2018 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Grimsby Power Incorporated shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, [date]

#### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2016-0362, December 15, 2016

Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

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DATED: [date]

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This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously

approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This class refers to the supply of electricity to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached dwelling units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. Residential Service means a service which is less than 50 kW supplied to single-family dwelling units that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At Grimsby Power's discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. 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.

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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 Global Adjustment and the HST.

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

Service Charge	\$	25.26
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0023
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003

Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP) Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

\$

0.25

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

This classification applies to a non-residential customer that is identified by the billing system as registering under 50 kW on a demand meter in any one month of the year. 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

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.

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Service Charge	\$	25.01
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0192
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0023
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
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 customer that is identified by the billing system as registering equal to or over 50 kW on a demand meter in any one month of the year. 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

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.

The rate rider for the disposition of Global Adjustment is only applicable to non-RPP Class B customers. It is not applicable to WMP, customers that transitioned between Class A and Class B during the variance account accumulation period, or to customers that were in Class A for the entire period. Customers who transitioned are to be charged or refunded their share of the variance disposed through customer specific billing adjustments. This rate rider is to be consistently applied for the entire period to the sunset date of the rate rider. In addition, this rate rider is applicable to all new non-RPP Class B customers.

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 Global Adjustment and the HST.

Service Charge	\$	207.70
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.0373
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3623
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	0.0855
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018	\$/kW	0.7287
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5668
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3052
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.5997
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.3756
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0 0032

\$/kWh	0.0032
\$/kWh	0.0004
\$/kWh	0.0003
\$	0.25
	\$/kWh

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to electricity consumption that is not metered and is billed based on estimated usage. Such connections include street lighting equipment not owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario, traffic signals and other small services etc. 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	36.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0231
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0023
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Consumption is as per the Ontario Energy Board's street lighting load shape. 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.7839
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2657
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0004)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2018	\$/kW	0.8232
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9359
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0089
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	16,430.80
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.4156
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.4387
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5575

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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.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	5.40
ALLOWANCES		
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month Primary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & energy	\$/kW %	(0.60) (1.00)

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### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### APPLICATION

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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
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Interval meter interrogation	\$	20.00
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 charges at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect charges at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect charges at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect charges 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 - customer-owned equipment - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles per 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	1.0457
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0352