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

## DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2017-0042

## **GREATER SUDBURY HYDRO INC.**

Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2018.

By Delegation, Before: Pascale Duguay

March 22, 2018

### 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. (Greater Sudbury Hydro) on September 22, 2017, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

Greater Sudbury Hydro serves about 47,362 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in parts of Greater Sudbury and parts of the Municipality of West Nipissing. 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 <u>Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications</u> (the Filing Requirements).

Greater Sudbury Hydro'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 adjustments, 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 \$2.62 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2018.

Greater Sudbury Hydro 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> OEB 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.

Greater Sudbury Hydro filed its application on September 22, 2017, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Greater Sudbury Hydro supported its application with written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Greater Sudbury Hydro through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Greater Sudbury Hydro on March 8, 2018. Greater Sudbury Hydro 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 Greater Sudbury Hydro's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances
- Residential Rate Design
- Other Matters

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

### 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Greater Sudbury Hydro seeks to increase its rates, effective May 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 adjustment formula applicable to Greater Sudbury Hydro are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 0.75% increase to Greater Sudbury Hydro's rates: 0.75% = 1.20% - (0.00% + 0.45%).

**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 OEB – "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 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 Greater Sudbury Hydro is 0.45%.

#### **Findings**

The OEB finds that Greater Sudbury Hydro's request for a 0.75% Price Cap IR adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Greater Sudbury Hydro's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2018.

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

## **5 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS**

In any adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. For IRM applications, the OEB has long held that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate in these situations. The shared tax change amount, whether in the form of a credit or a debit, 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 COS proceeding.

The application identifies a total tax increase of \$62,239, resulting in a shared amount of \$31,120 to be collected from rate payers. Since the allocated tax sharing amount does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes, the Rate Generator Model does not compute rate riders and distributors are therefore required to transfer the entire OEB-approved tax sharing amount into Account 1595 for disposition at a later date.

<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.

### **Findings**

The OEB approves the tax charge of \$31,120.

The OEB directs Greater Sudbury Hydro to record the debit tax sharing of \$31,120 in variance Account 1595 by June 30, 2018 for disposition at a future date.

## **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 host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

Greater Sudbury Hydro is transmission connected, 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 6.2.

Table 6.1: UTRs<sup>6</sup>

Current Approved UTRs (2018)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.61
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.95
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.34

Table 6.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs<sup>7</sup>

Current Approved Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs (2017)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.19
Connection Service Rates	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0359, February 1, 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016

Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.75

#### **Findings**

Greater Sudbury Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs and the UTRs current at the time of the filing. The OEB finds that the new 2018 UTRs are to be incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that Greater Sudbury Hydro will charge its customers accordingly.

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

## 7 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCES

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 disposed. 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. If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2016 actual year-end total balance for Greater Sudbury Hydro's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2018 is a credit of \$707,716. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0008 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold.

### **Findings**

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</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>9</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)" EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

### 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. 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.

Greater Sudbury Hydro notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.48. 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 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

### 9 OTHER MATTERS

In addition to the matters discussed previously, Greater Sudbury Hydro sought approval for the following rates and charges<sup>11</sup> in its application:

- Continuance of the micro-FIT monthly Charge
- Continuance of the Smart Meter Entity Charge
- Continuance of the Specific Services charges and Loss Factors as approved in Greater Sudbury Hydro's 2013 Cost of Service Application (EB-2012-0126)
- Continuance of Rate Riders and Adders for which the sunset date has not yet been reached.

These rate and charges were approved by the OEB in previous proceedings. No further approval is required in this Decision to include these on Greater Sudbury Hydro's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

## 10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

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

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Greater Sudbury Hydro'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 Greater Sudbury Hydro 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. 2018 IRM Application, EB-2017-0042, September 22, 2017, page(s) 3-4

Table 10.1: Regulatory Charges

Rate	per kWh
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, WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on December 20, 2017.<sup>12</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on February 22, 2018.<sup>13</sup>

#### 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 May 1, 2018 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, March 22, 2018

#### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0333, December 20, 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, February 22, 2018

## Schedule A

**To Decision and Rate Order** 

**Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

OEB File No: EB-2017-0042

**DATED: March 22, 2018** 

### Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2018

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

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

To qualify for residential rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electricity shall be intended for and used primarily for a residence in which one or more person(s) reside.
- The electrical service shall be individually metered, no bulk metering allowed.

Residential customers are defined as customers connected as detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. It does not include Residential Rate Class customers in apartments, condominiums, row housing or any other abode that is not a detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling unit. The definition does not include the installation of primary, transformation and secondary to the hand holes in a new subdivision. All items excluded from the residential rate class definition, as above, shall be treated as general service rate class customers.

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

#### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge	\$	24.07
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
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Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	**	

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

To qualify for General Service Less Than 50 kW Rates an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall have a peak demand less than 50 kilowatts for seven or more months in any twelve month period.
- New connections will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches. The General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class includes those Residential Rate Class customers that are not in detached, semi-detached or duplex dwelling units. The General Service Rate Class also includes subdivision developments and all General Service Rate Class customers. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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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Service Charge	\$	22.15
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0191
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
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
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

To qualify for General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Rates, an electrical service shall meet all of the following conditions:

- The electrical service shall not qualify as a Residential Rate Class service.
- The electrical service shall not qualify as a General Service Less Than 50 kW Rate Class service.
- New customers will be classified based on the rating, in amperes, of the main switch or sum of main switches.

Class A and Class B customers 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 rate rider for the disposition of Global Adjustment is only applicable to non-RPP Class B customers. It is not applicable to Wholesale Market Participants (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.

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Service Charge	\$	168.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.3907
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1027
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2855
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7586
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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#### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption.

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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	7.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0110
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
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
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. 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

Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	4.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	12.9144
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0545
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7657
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4823
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

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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 for 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. 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7051
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0515
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6678
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4001
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
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Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	**	

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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**

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

No rates and charges for the distribution of electricity and charges to meet the costs of any work or service done or furnished for the purpose of the distribution of electricity shall be made except as permitted by this schedule, unless required by the Distributor's Licence or a Code or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy Board, or as specified herein.

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

It should be noted that this schedule does not list any charges, assessments, or credits that are required by law to be invoiced by a distributor and that are not subject to Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

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

Service Charge \$ 5.40

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### **ALLOWANCES**

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

### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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#### **Customer Administration**

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - during regular business hours	\$	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
Other		
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year	\$	22.35
(with the exception of wireless attachments)		

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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	1.0540
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5.000 kW	1.0434