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

DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2018-0026

COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2019

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

December 13, 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. (Cooperative Hydro Embrun) on August 13, 2018, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun serves about 2,100 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Embrun. 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</u> <u>Rate-Setting Applications</u> (the Filing Requirements).

Cooperative Hydro Embrun'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 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 total bill increase before taxes of \$3.14 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective January 1, 2019.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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 2016.¹ Cooperative Hydro Embrun was granted approval for an additional two years to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a six-year period in order to mitigate the customer bill impact of the transition.² Accordingly, the fixed monthly charge for 2019 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. This

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¹ OEB Policy – "A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers." EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

² Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0035, January 25, 2018

policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun filed its application on August 13, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Cooperative Hydro Embrun supported its application with written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Cooperative Hydro Embrun through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Cooperative Hydro Embrun on December 3, 2018. Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments
- Shared Tax 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.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in previous proceedings which are not part of the scope of an IRM proceeding (such as specific service charges and loss factor). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Cooperative Hydro Embrun seeks to increase its rates, effective January 1, 2019, 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.50% increase to Coperative Hydro Embrun's rates: 1.50% = 1.50% - (0.00% + 0.00%).

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

The inflation factor of 1.50% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 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

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³ For 2019 Inflation factor see Ontario Energy Board 2019 Electricity Distribution Rate applications - Updates November 23, 2018.

⁴ Report of the OEB – "Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors" EB-2010-0379, Issued November 21, 2013, corrected December 4, 2013.

⁵ The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2017 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 2018.

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 2019 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 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun is 0.00%.

Findings

The OEB finds that Cooperative Hydro Embrun's request for a 1.50% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Cooperative Hydro Embrun's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2019.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.⁶

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

⁶ 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, smart metering entity charge, 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.

previous proceeding.⁷

In this application, Cooperative Hydro Embrun proposes an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratios for the Street Lighting 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 customers.

Table 5.1, below, outlines the revenue-to-cost ratios for which the applicant seeks approval for the 2019 rate year.

Table 5.1: Revenue-to-Cost Ratios

Rate Class	2018 Ratio (%)	Proposed 2019 Ratio (%)
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	97.00	97.00
GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	113.00	113.00
GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	130.00	120.00
UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	120.00	120.00
STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION	90.00	100.00

Findings

The OEB agrees that the proposed adjustments for the 2019 rate year are consistent with OEB's findings in its decision for Cooperative Hydro Embrun's 2018 rates.⁸ Cooperative Hydro Embrun's revenue-to-cost ratios are approved, as set out in Table 5.1 above.

⁷ Report of the OEB – "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

⁸ Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0035, January 25, 2018

6 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 cost of service proceeding.

The application identifies a total tax change of \$38, resulting in a shared amount of \$19 to be distributed to 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.

Findings

The allocated tax sharing amount of \$19 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs Cooperative Hydro Embrun to record the OEB-approved tax sharing amount of \$19 into Account 1595, Sub-account Principal Balances Approved for Disposition in 2019, by March 31, 2019 for disposition at a later date.

7 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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun is fully embedded within Hydro One Network 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 7.1.

Table 7.1: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs⁹

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

Findings

Cooperative Hydro Embrun's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs.

The differences resulting from the approval of new 2019 RTSRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

8 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 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 2017 actual year-end total balance for Cooperative Hydro Embrun's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2018 is a debit of \$52,588. This amount represents a total debit claim of \$0.0019 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold.

⁹ Decision and Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016

¹⁰ 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.
¹¹ Report of the OEB on "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)" July 31, 2009.

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account balance of \$1,947. 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.¹²

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 billed GA based on the 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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun proposes the recovery of its GA variance account balance of \$1,947 as at December 31, 2017, including interest to December 31, 2018, in accordance with the following table.

Table 8.1: Recovery of GA Variance

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$1,947 recovered from customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2017 to December 2017	per kWh rate rider

¹² 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.

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes \$8,829 for the recovery of Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges for Class B customers related to the IESO's wholesale energy market for Capacity Based Recovery 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 2017 to December 2017.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun had no Class A customers during the period from January 2017 to December 2017 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, and Commodity Power Charges. These Group 1 accounts have a total debit balance of \$50,641, which results in a charge to customers.

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements.*¹³ Cooperative Hydro Embrun further notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.¹⁴

Earlier this year, the OEB suspended its approvals of Group 1 rate riders on a final basis. As stated in its letter to the sector dated July 20, 2018, the OEB will determine whether the riders will be approved on an interim basis or not approved at all (i.e. no disposition of account balances) on a case by case basis until further notice.¹⁵

Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$52,588 as of December 31, 2017, including interest projected to December 31, 2018 for Group 1 accounts on an interim basis.

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

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¹³ Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016

¹⁴ Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

¹⁵ OEB letter to all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors, Re: OEB's Plan to Standardize Processes to Improve Accuracy of Commodity Pass-Through Variance Accounts, July 20, 2018.

Table 8.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	32,624	1,085	33,709
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	1,707	13	1,720
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	5,678	(208)	5,469
Variance WMS - Sub- account CBR Class B	1580	8,719	110	8,829
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(4,631)	51	(4,580)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	2,248	229	2,477
RSVA – Power	1588	3,338	(321)	3,017
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	2,018	(71)	1,947
Totals for all Group 1 accounts		51,700	888	52,588

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*. ¹⁶ 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. Cooperative Hydro Embrun shall ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending March 31, 2019 (Quarter 1).

¹⁶ Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through interim rate riders, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The interim rate riders will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.¹⁷

9 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 2016.¹⁸ Distributors, such as Cooperative Hydro Embrun, who are in a transition period that is greater than 4 years, are required to continue with this transition until the monthly service charge is fully fixed. Cooperative Hydro Embrun was granted approval for an additional two years to transition to a fully fixed structure over a six-year period in order to mitigate the customer bill impact of the transition.¹⁹

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 10th percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$3.80. The bill impact arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, is below 10% for low volume residential customers.

Findings

The OEB finds that the proposed 2019 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 demonstrate that no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final Rate Generator Model.

¹⁷ 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR.

¹⁸ As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

¹⁹ Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0035, January 25, 2018

10 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun's last cost of service decision, and to ensure that the 2018 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2017, are as reported by Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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 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, 2017.²⁰

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 March 1, 2018.²¹

²⁰ Decision and Order, EB-2017-0333, December 20, 2017.

²¹ Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018.

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, 2019 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final and interim rates.

DATED at Toronto, December 13, 2018

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2018-0026

DATED: December 13, 2018

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. All customers are single-phase. 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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.

Service Charge	\$	32.11
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	0.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
- Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	*****	()
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(8000.0)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2018)	*****	
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
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

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019

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

GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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.

Service Charge	\$	21.43
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0179
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0029
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0023
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
- Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(8000.0)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2018) -		
effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0010
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
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

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2019

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

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. 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

Service Charge	\$	186.77
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.9694
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0823
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	0.2309
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
- Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.6299
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(8000.0)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	0.0696
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.0318)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6235
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0297

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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 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.

APPLICATION

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

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Service Charge (per customer)	\$	21.48
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0147
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0029
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
- Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0024
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
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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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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)	\$	2.26
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	20.5456
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8367
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	0.3068
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until December 31, 2019		
- Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.6284
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until December 31, 2020		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(8000.0)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	0.0832
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2018)		
- effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.1225)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9786
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5691
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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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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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge \$ 10.00

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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 & 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
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	25.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	15.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
on-Payment of Account		
Late navment - per month	0/	1.50

No

Late payment - per month	%	1.50
Late payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge - no disconnection	\$	20.00
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - after regular hours	\$	50.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	25.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	50.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at pole during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at pole after hours	\$	415.00
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	25.00
Install/remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	50.00

Other

Special meter reads	\$ 20.00
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$ 30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$ 165.00
Temporary service - installation and removal - overhead - no transformer	\$ 500.00
Temporary service - installation and removal - underground - no transformer	\$ 300.00
Temporary service - installation and removal - overhead - with transformer	\$ 1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year	
(with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$ 43.63

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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	1.0749
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0650