

CPUC Responses To Questions From Board Staff To Clarify The Notice.

January 9, 2019

1. WMS, CBR, RRRP rates, etc.

I believe that CPUC verbally confirmed in the conference call that it is currently charging its customers the following updated rates as shown in Table A below, where applicable. Also, I note that CPUC's most recent OEB-approved tariff sheet is dated March 19, 2015 (EB-2014-0063 – May 1, 2015 rates).

Table A – Regulatory Monthly Rates and Charges

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

However, the stand-alone tariff sheet submitted on August 31, 2018 (CPUC 2019 Proposed Tariff Sheet 20180831.xlsx) in this proceeding shows outdated rates for these above-noted charges. As well, section 8.1.6 in the current application refers to a WMS charge of \$0.0036, instead of it being separated into WMS and CBR charges. Section 8.1.6 in the current application also refers to a current RRRP charge of \$0.0013 instead of \$0.0003.

Can you please confirm that CPUC is currently charging the rates to its customers, as per Table A, where applicable? Please explain.

CPUC notes that it updated tab 17 of the 2019 bill impacts to show the correct rates but that the model failed to pick up these inputs. With respect to the pass-thru charges, CPUC confirms that up to December 31, 2018, CPUC charged the rates as per Table A above. As of January 1, 2019, CPUC is charging the rates as per Decision and Order EB-2018-0294 issued on December 20, 2018. The effective rates are shown in Table A1 below.

Table A1 – Regulatory Monthly Rates and Charges effective January 1, 2019.

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) – not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) – Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

2. Pole Attachment Charge

The stand-alone tariff sheet submitted on August 31, 2018, in this proceeding shows a \$22.35 pole attachment charge that has not been updated to reflect new OEB policy (EB-2015-0304). Updates should have occurred effective September 1, 2018, and January 1, 2019, as follows. I looked at a section 8.1.10 Pole Rental of the current application, and it appears that CPUC may be following the new policy.

Can you please confirm that CPUC is charging the following rates to its customers, as per Table B, where applicable? Please explain.

Table B – Pole Attachment Charges

Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - in effect until August 31, 2018	\$	22.35
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - in effect from September 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018	\$	28.09
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - in effect from January 1, 2019	\$	43.63

CPUC Response: Similar to the previous question. CPUC used the OEB's 2019 model with seems to include a default pole attachment rate of \$22.35. In the interest of responding to this request and provide a corrected tariff sheet, CPUC has manually updated the tariff sheet and bill impact model to reflect the current rate of \$43.63. CPUC also confirms that invoicing for pole rental is done a yearly basis at year end and that \$22.35 was used up to August 31, 2018, \$28.09 from September 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. CPUC is charging \$43.63 as of January 1, 2019.

3. MicroFIT Charge

As well, thank you for confirming in the conference call that the stand-alone tariff sheet submitted on August 31, 2018, in this proceeding should be updated to show a \$0 change in the microFIT charge – it should show \$5.40 instead of \$10.00. It is my understanding that CPUC will update this to \$5.40 the next time a new tariff sheet is generated.

CPUC Response: CPUC has manually updated the tariff sheet and bill impact model and has attached them to these responses.

4. Other Charges

I believe that CPUC confirmed in the conference call that there are no additional new charges proposed in the application that may affect a discrete customer group. As a result, no new descriptions will be needed on the Notice as there are no such new charges.

CPUC Response: Staff is correct in that CPUC is not proposing any new charges in its application.

Thank you