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## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2018-0075**

### **WELLAND HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM CORP.**

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

**By Delegation, Before: Pascale Duguay**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (Welland Hydro) on October 11, 2018, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

Welland Hydro serves about 23,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Welland. 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).

Welland 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 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 decrease before taxes of \$0.67 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2019.

Welland 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, in 2019 the final upward adjustment, exceeding the mechanistic adjustment alone, in this decision has been made and now the distribution rates have transitioned to a fully fixed structure. There is no longer a variable usage rate for this class of customer. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

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<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.

Welland Hydro filed its application on October 11, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Welland Hydro supported its application with written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Welland Hydro through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Welland Hydro on February 21, 2019. Welland 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 Welland Hydro's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account Balance
- 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<sup>2</sup> and loss factors). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Welland Hydro seeks to increase its rates, effective May 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 Welland Hydro are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.35% increase to Welland Hydro's rates:  **$1.35\% = 1.50\% - (0.00\% + 0.15\%)$** .

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>3</sup>		1.50%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>4</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>5</sup>	0.15%

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 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

<sup>2</sup> Most recent proceedings where approval granted to change specific service charges are Report of the OEB – “Wireline Pole Attachment Charges” EB-2015-0304, Issued March 22, 2018 and the Decision and Order on Energy Retail Service Charges EB-2015-0304, Issued on February 14, 2019.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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 Welland Hydro is 0.15%.

## Findings

The OEB finds that Welland Hydro's request for a 1.35% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Welland Hydro's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2019.

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

## 5 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.

Welland Hydro is transmission connected 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 5.1.

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<sup>6</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, 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.

Table 5.1: UTRs<sup>7</sup>

Current Approved UTRs (2019)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$3.71
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.94
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.25

## Findings

Welland Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the UTRs current at the time of the filing. The OEB finds that the new 2019 UTRs are to be incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that Welland Hydro will charge its customers accordingly.

## 6 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.<sup>8</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>9</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for Welland Hydro's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2019 is a credit of \$1,100,712. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0031 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Welland Hydro proposes the disposition of this credit amount over a one-year period.

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account balance of a credit of \$377,917. Costs for the commodity portion of its electricity service reflects the sum of two charges: the price of electricity established by the operation of

<sup>7</sup> Decision and Interim Rate Order, EB-2018-0326, December 20, 2018.

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

the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administered wholesale market, and the GA.<sup>10</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 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.

Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances should be responsible for paying (or receiving credits) for their disposal. The movement from one class to another should not prevent identifiable customers from paying down/receiving a debit/credit balance.

Welland Hydro proposes the refund of its GA variance account balance of a credit of \$377,917 as at December 31, 2017, including interest to April 30, 2019, in accordance with the following table.

**Table 6.1: Recovery of GA Variance**

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$373,859 refunded to customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2017 to December 2017	per kWh rate rider

<sup>10</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.

\$4,058 refunded to customers formerly in Class B during the period January 2017 to June 2017 who were reclassified to Class A	12 equal installments <sup>11</sup>
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The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes a credit of \$7,992 for the refund 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. The disposition is also impacted by whether or not the Class B CBR rate riders in the 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model<sup>12</sup> rounds to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more rate classes.

Welland Hydro had Class A customers during the period from July 2017 to December 2017 but the CBR Class B rate riders calculated rounded to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more of the rate classes. In this event, the entire Account 1580 sub-account CBR Class B is added to the Account 1580 WMS control account to be disposed through the general purpose Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account.

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: Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges, Retail Transmission Service Charges, Commodity Power Charges, and Account 1595 residual balance. These Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$722,795, which results in a refund to customers.

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> Welland Hydro further notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.<sup>14</sup>

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

<sup>11</sup> 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation".

<sup>12</sup> 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.2 "CBR B".

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

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



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.<sup>15</sup>

## Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$1,100,712 as of December 31, 2017, including interest projected to April 30, 2019 for Group 1 accounts on an interim basis.

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

**Table 6.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances**

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(3,714)	(110)	(3,824)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(409,051)	(15,088)	(424,139)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(7,395)	(527)	(7,922)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(66,002)	(2,991)	(68,993)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(37,849)	(1,730)	(39,579)
RSVA – Power	1588	(130,412)	(10,472)	(140,884)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(371,669)	(6,248)	(377,917)
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2016)	1595	-	(37,454)	(37,454)
<b>Totals for all Group 1 accounts</b>		(1,026,092)	(74,620)	(1,100,712)

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

<sup>15</sup> 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.

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>16</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. Welland Hydro shall ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending June 30, 2019 (Quarter 2).

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through interim rate riders and payments as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The interim rate riders and payments will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.<sup>17</sup>

## **7 LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCE**

Distributors have an OEB licence requirement to ensure conservation and demand management (CDM) programs are available to their customers. These programs result in reduced total energy consumption. To address the impact of the reduced consumption, OEB Policy established a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture a distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual load and the last OEB-approved load forecast.<sup>18</sup> These differences are recorded by distributors at the rate class level.

A distributor may apply for the disposition of the balance in the LRAMVA on an annual basis, as part of its IRM application, if the balance is deemed significant by the distributor. A request for the inclusion of lost revenues from demand response programs, as part of the LRAMVA, must be addressed through a cost of service application.<sup>19</sup>

Welland Hydro originally applied to dispose its LRAMVA debit balance of \$89,029. The balance consists of lost revenues in 2015 and 2016 from CDM programs delivered during the period from 2011 to 2016 and carrying charges. During OEB staff's review, Welland Hydro revised its LRAMVA balance to incorporate a reduction to the Large Use

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<sup>16</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012.

<sup>17</sup> 2019 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>18</sup> Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management, EB-2012-0003, April 26, 2012; and, "Requirement Guidelines for Electricity Distributors Conservation and Demand Management, EB-2014-0278, December 19, 2014.

<sup>19</sup> Report of the Ontario Energy Board – "Updated Policy for the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Calculation: Lost Revenues and Peak Demand Savings from Conservation and Demand Management Programs." EB-2016-0182, May 19, 2016.

volumetric rate from \$0.59/kW to \$0.13/kW with the inclusion of the transformer allowance credit to calculate 2016 lost revenues. Since there were no savings realized from Large Use customers, a reduction to forecast savings from \$1,884 to \$650 resulted in an increase of \$1,234 and a revised LRAMVA debit balance of \$90,263. The actual conservation savings claimed by Welland Hydro were determined by the IESO.<sup>20</sup> Actual conservation savings were compared against Welland Hydro's forecasted conservation savings of 6,224,831 kWh included in the load forecast, which was set out in Welland Hydro's 2013 cost of service proceeding.<sup>21</sup> Welland Hydro applied to recover the LRAMVA balance over a one-year period starting May 1, 2019.

## Findings

The OEB finds that Welland Hydro's LRAMVA balance has been calculated in accordance with the OEB's CDM-related guidelines and updated LRAMVA policy. The OEB approves the disposition of Welland Hydro's LRAMVA revised debit balance of \$90,263, as set out in Table 7.1 below, over a one-year period.

**Table 7.1 LRAMVA Balance for Disposition**

Account Name	Account Number	Actual CDM Savings (\$) A	Forecasted CDM Savings (\$) B	Carrying Charges (\$) C	Total Claim (\$) D=(A-B)+C
LRAMVA	1568	\$187,018	\$100,824	\$4,069	\$90,263

## 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>22</sup> This is the last year of Welland Hydro's transition period and, accordingly, 2019 is the final year in which Welland Hydro's rates will be adjusted upwards by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. Welland Hydro has transitioned to a fully fixed structure.

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

<sup>20</sup> The Ontario Power Authority was responsible for CDM program evaluation prior to 2015.

<sup>21</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2012-0173, March 21, 2013.

<sup>22</sup> As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

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.

Welland Hydro notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.42. 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 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. The distributor has now completed its transition to a fully fixed rate structure.

## 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 Welland Hydro'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 Welland 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.

**Table 9.1: Regulatory Charges**

<b>Rate</b>	<b>per kWh</b>
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0005
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0030
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, 2018.<sup>23</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 March 1, 2018.<sup>24</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, 2019 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. 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, [date]

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

<sup>23</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2018-0294, December 20, 2018.

<sup>24</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018.

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2018-0075**

**DATED: March XX, 2019**

# Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2019

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

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### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

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

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

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition, the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

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

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	27.73
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0077
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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

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## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings. 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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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.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	31.65
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0093
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0020)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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



# Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

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

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to commercial buildings whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Commercial buildings are defined as buildings, which are used for purposes other than resident dwellings. 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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If included in the following listing of monthly rates and charges, the rate rider for the disposition of WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B 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 Class B customers.

If included in the following listing of monthly rates and charges, 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	\$	288.21
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1078
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kW	0.1244
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.5893)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.1512)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3147
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1708

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Unmetered or flat connections are permitted with the approval of Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. Engineering Department. Flat rate connects may include, but are not limited to, Traffic Lights, Street Lights, Bus Shelters, and Signs. Energy consumption is determined by information provided by the customer and/or load measurement taken by Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. following connection of the flat 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.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	10.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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

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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting not classified as unmetered or street lighting. The consumption for the customer will be based on the calculated connected load times a twelve hour day times the applicable billing period.

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

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.7094
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kW	(0.2411)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.7405)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1672
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7899

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the Street Lighting system owned by the City of Welland. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. provides new installations and maintenance of the street lighting system, as required by the City of Welland. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per device)	\$	0.62
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.5798
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0029)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020	\$/kW	(0.2350)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.7624)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1625
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7859

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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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	0.0005
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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	11.00
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### ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.70)
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
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (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

#### Non-Payment of Account

Late payment - per month	%	1.50
Late payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – during regular hours	\$	30.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00

#### Other

Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	43.63
Meter upgrade requested by customer plus installation-per month plus installation on a time and material basis	\$	10.00

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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	\$	40.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.00
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.60
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.60)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.00
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)	\$	4.00
Notice of switch letter charge, per letter	\$	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	1.0476
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0371