

DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2018-0077

ERTH POWER CORPORATION – GODERICH RATE ZONE

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

By Delegation, Before : Theodore Antonopoulos

[date]

1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed on October 15, 2018 by West Coast Huron Energy Inc. (West Coast Huron Energy), as amended during the course of the proceeding.

On March 14, 2018, Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation submitted a Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations and Divestitures (MAADs) application seeking approval to amalgamate Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation and West Coast Huron Energy.

On June 19, 2018, Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation became ERTH Power Corporation (ERTH Power).¹

On December 20, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation and deferred rate re-basing from the closing date for nine years.² ERTH Power notified the OEB the transaction was complete effective January 8, 2019.

As noted in the MAADs application and letter dated February 4, 2019, ERTH Power plans to maintain two separate rate zones, ERTH Power Main rate zone, and Goderich rate zone, until such time as rates are re-based. In addition, in ERTH Power's letter dated February 4, 2019 it requested that the 2019 IRM rate application of West Coast Huron Energy be transferred to the licence of ERTH Power. Since the West Coast Huron Energy rate application has been transferred to ERTH Power and this IRM rate application was filed before the approval of the amalgamation, the application for the ERTH Power Main rate zone and the application for the Goderich rate zone (formerly West Coast Huron Energy) will be heard separately. In this decision, this application will be referred to as the Goderich rate zone application.

The Goderich rate zone consists of about 3,745 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Goderich. ERTH Power is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers in the Goderich rate zone, 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](#) (Filing Requirements).

¹ Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation's Electricity Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0516) was amended in the OEB's August 30, 2018 Decision and Order (EB-2018-0220) which changed the name that appears on the Licence from Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation to ERTH Power Corporation.

² EB-2018-0082, Decision and Order, December 20, 2018

The Goderich rate zone application is based on the Annual IR Index option to set rates for 2019. The Annual IR Index is based on inflation less the OEB's highest stretch factor assessment of a distributor's efficiency. In accordance with the OEB-approved 2019 parameters for an Annual IR Index adjustment, the ERTH Power seeks an increase of 0.90% to distribution rates for the Goderich rate zone.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase before taxes of \$0.03 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2019.

ERTH Power is also seeking to change the composition of the distribution service rates for the Goderich rate zone. 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 2016.³ 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.

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 the Annual IR Index option. In each adjustment year of an Annual IR Index 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.

The Goderich rate zone application was filed on October 15, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. The application was supported by written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were

³ OEB Policy – "A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers." EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015.

asked of, and answers were provided by, the applicant through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to the applicant on March 15, 2019. The applicant 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 the applicant's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- 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 charges⁴ 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

The applicant 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 Annual IR Index applications.

The components of the Annual Index IR adjustment formula applicable to the Goderich rate zone are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 0.90% increase to the rates within the Goderich rate zone: **0.90% = 1.50% - (0.00% + 0.60%)**.

⁴ The most recent proceedings where approval was granted to change specific service charges are the 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.

Table 4.1: Annual Index IR Adjustment Formula

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor ⁵		1.50 %
X-Factor	Productivity ⁶	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) ⁷	0.60%

The inflation factor of 1.50% applies to all Annual IR Index 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 historical study period and applies to all Annual IR Index applications for the 2019 rate year.

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. For Annual IR Index applications, the OEB applies a default stretch factor of 0.60%.

Findings

The OEB finds that ERTH Power's request for a 0.90% rate adjustment is in accordance

⁵ For 2019 Inflation factor see Ontario Energy Board 2019 Electricity Distribution Rate applications - Updates November 23, 2018.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and the new rates for the Goderich rate zone shall be effective May 1, 2019.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.⁸

5 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of an Annual IR Index 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 \$5,932, resulting in a shared amount of \$2,966 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 \$2,966 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs ERTH Power to record the OEB-approved tax sharing credit amount of \$2,966 into Account 1595, sub-account 2019 – Principal by June 30, 2019 for disposition at a later date.

6 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

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

⁸ 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.

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

The Goderich rate zone is transmission connected. The applicant is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1: UTRs⁹

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

ERTH Power'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 ERTH Power will charge its customers accordingly.

7 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be disposed.¹⁰ 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.¹¹ If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for the Goderich rate zone Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2019 is a credit of \$175,841. This amount

⁹ Decision and Interim Rate Order, EB-2018-0326, December 20, 2018.

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" July 31, 2009.

represents a total credit claim of \$0.0013 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. The applicant proposes the disposition of this credit amount over a one-year period.

In the OEB's Decision and Rate Order for 2018 rates¹², the OEB did not approve the disposition of accounts 1588 and 1589 but stated that an OEB audit on the accounts to review the balances for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years will be conducted, including a review of the company's new true up process.

In this application, the applicant is proposing to dispose of the Group 1 accounts with the exception of accounts 1588 and 1589, as the accounts are currently under review by the OEB.¹³

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes a credit amount of \$1,213 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. The disposition is also impacted by whether or not the Class B CBR rate riders in the 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model¹⁴ rounds to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more rate classes.

The Goderich rate zone 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, and Account 1595 residual balances. These Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$175,841, 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*.¹⁵ The applicant

¹² EB-2017-0083, Decision and Rate Order, March 22, 2018

¹³ Ibid., Page 10

¹⁴ 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.2 "CBR B".

¹⁵ Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016.

further notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.¹⁶

Last 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.¹⁷

Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$175,841 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 7.1: 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	(1,128)	(59)	(1,187)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(76,423)	(3,390)	(79,813)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(1,302)	89	(1,213)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(69,469)	(2,236)	(71,705)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(28,025)	(834)	(28,859)
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2016)	1595	25,214	(18,278)	6,936
Totals for all Group 1 accounts		(151,133)	(24,708)	(175,841)

¹⁶ Report of the OEB – “Electricity Distributors’ Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR).” EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

¹⁷ 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.

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*.¹⁸ 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. ERTH Power 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 as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The interim rate riders will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.¹⁹

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 2016.²⁰ This is the last year of transition for the Goderich rate zone and, accordingly, 2019 is the final year in which the rates will be adjusted upwards by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The Goderich rate zone 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 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.

The applicant notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$3.74. The bill impacts arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, are below 10% for low volume residential customers.

¹⁸ Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012.

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

Findings

The distributor has now completed its transition to a fully fixed rate structure.

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.

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 the last cost of service decision pertaining to the Goderich rate zone, 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 the applicant 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)	\$0.0005
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, 2018.²¹

²¹ Decision and Order, EB-2018-0294, December 20, 2018.

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, 2018.²²

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. ERTH Power Corporation 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

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

²² 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-2018-0077

DATED: March XX, 2019

ERTH POWER CORPORATION – GODERICH RATE ZONE

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 customers residing in residential dwelling units. 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	\$	33.61
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0018)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062

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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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Buildings requiring a connection with a connected load less than 50 kW and, Town Houses and Condominiums described in section 3.1.8 of the distributor's Conditions of Service that require centralized bulk metering. General Service Buildings are defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single family 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

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	\$	32.65
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0112
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0018)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054

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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GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 499 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load, whose average monthly maximum demand used, for billing purposes, is, or is forecast to be, equal to or greater than 50 kW but less than 500 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.

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

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

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

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.

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	\$	156.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.4464
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.6199)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2741
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1735

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

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Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE 500 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load, whose average monthly maximum demand used, for billing purposes, is, or is forecast to be, equal to or greater than 500 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

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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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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	1,659.85
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.1391
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.7323)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4154
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3830

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

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Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	9,984.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7973
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.2674)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6747
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7248

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

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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. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, decorative street lighting, bill boards, etc. The level of consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	76.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0678
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0017)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054

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 accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	37.44
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.6417)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7224
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7181

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 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 connection load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Street lighting plant, facilities or equipment owned by the customer are subject to the ESA requirements. 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)	\$	4.58
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	25.0609
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.6002)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7151
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7154

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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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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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Service Charge	\$	5.40
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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
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	15.00
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	\$	30.00
Disconnect/reconnect at Meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect at Meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect at Pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00

Other

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	\$	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	1.0467
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0362
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0045