

## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2018-0046**

### **SYNERGY NORTH CORPORATION – Kenora Rate Zone**

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

**By Delegation, Before : Pascale Duguay**

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**[date]**

# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North), formerly Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. (Kenora Hydro) on November 5, 2018 and updated on December 10, 2018.

On April 12, 2018, Synergy North submitted a Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations and Divestitures (MAADs) application seeking approval to amalgamate Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Thunder Bay Hydro) and Kenora Hydro. On November 15, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation and deferred rate re-basing from the closing date for five years. Synergy North notified the OEB the transaction was complete effective January 1, 2019.

As noted in the MAADs application and letter dated January 24, 2019, Synergy North plans to maintain two separate rate zones until such time as rates are re-based. Accordingly, Synergy North's application for the legacy Kenora Hydro rate zone (the Kenora rate zone) and the legacy Thunder Bay Hydro rate zone (Thunder Bay rate zone) will be heard separately.<sup>1</sup>

There are about 5,600 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Kenora rate zone, which is in the City of Kenora. 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](#) (Filing Requirements).

The application for the Kenora rate zone 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 applicant seeks an increase of 0.90% to distribution rates for the Kenora rate zone.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase before taxes of \$3.46 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2019.

For the Kenora rate zone, the applicant has also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0046

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>2</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.

## 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 application for the Kenora rate zone was filed on November 5, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act, and additional evidence was provided on December 10, 2018, in accordance with the Filing Requirements. The applicant supported the application with written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Synergy North through emails. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Synergy North on March 21, 2019. Synergy North was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

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<sup>2</sup> OEB Policy – “A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers.” EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015.

### 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues and provides reasons for approving or denying Synergy North'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 charges<sup>3</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

Synergy North seeks to increase its rates for the Kenora rate zone, 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 Kenora rate zone are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 0.90% increase to Kenora's rate zone rates: ***0.90% = 1.50% - (0.00% + 0.60%)***.

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<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup>		1.50%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	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 Synergy North's request for a 0.90% rate adjustment is in

<sup>4</sup> For 2019 Inflation factor see Ontario Energy Board 2019 Electricity Distribution Rate applications - Updates November 23, 2018.

<sup>5</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>6</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.

accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and the Kenora rate zone'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>7</sup>

## 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 \$4,895, resulting in a shared amount of \$2,447 to be refunded 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 \$2,447 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs Synergy North to record the OEB-approved tax sharing credit amount of \$2,447 for its Kenora rate zone 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

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<sup>7</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.

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

Synergy North for the Kenora rate zone 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 6.1.

**Table 6.1: UTRs<sup>8</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

Synergy North's proposed adjustment to the Kenora rate zone 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 the Kenora rate zone customers will be charged 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 balance should be disposed.<sup>9</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>10</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for Kenora rate zone Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2019 is a debit of \$9,089. This amount

<sup>8</sup> Decision and Interim Rate Order, EB-2018-0326, December 20, 2018.

<sup>9</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>10</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.



represents a total debit claim of \$0.0001 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold and the utility has not requested disposition.

OEB staff asked Synergy North questions regarding why the Kenora rate zone Account 1588 RSVA Power is high given the size of the utility. Synergy North provided responses to OEB staff questions.

## Findings

Synergy North did not request disposition of the Kenora rate zone Group 1 account balances as the disposition threshold was not exceeded. While no disposition is required at this time, the OEB is not satisfied that the balances of Accounts 1588 RSVA Power and Account 1589 RSVA Global Adjustment are accurate. Based on the responses to questions from OEB staff, there appears to be inconsistencies between adjustments to the principal in Accounts 1588 and 1589 described in the responses to OEB staff's questions and those reported on the DVA Continuity Schedule. Synergy North also did not adequately justify the high balance in Account 1588. The OEB expects Synergy North to conduct an internal review of the balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589, as well as its RPP settlement processes. Synergy North should ensure that it is applying the new accounting guidance issued for accounts 1588 and 1589<sup>11</sup>. The OEB expects Synergy North to update the account balances and processes as required and to report the results of the review to the OEB, in its next rate application. Synergy North's report should include any changes made to its RPP settlement processes and any adjustments to account balances, itemizing and explaining each adjustment.

## 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>12</sup> This is the last year of the transition period for the Kenora rate zone and, accordingly, 2019 is the final year in which the Kenora rate zone rates will be adjusted upwards by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The Kenora 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

<sup>11</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook Update, Accounting Guidance Related to Commodity Pass-Through Accounts 1588 & 1589, February 21, 2019

<sup>12</sup> As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 2 above.



the form of a lengthening of the transition period. The first test is to calculate the change in the monthly fixed charge, and to consider mitigation if it exceeds \$4. The second is to calculate the total bill impact of the proposals in the application for low volume residential customers (defined as those residential RPP customers whose consumption is at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Synergy North notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.59. 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 distributor has now completed its transition to a fully fixed rate structure for the Kenora rate zone.

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 for the Kenora 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 for Kenora rate zone 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>13</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>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2018-0294, December 20, 2018.

<sup>14</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018.

**THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT**

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective May 1, 2019 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Synergy North Corporation shall notify its customers in the Kenora rate zone of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill, reflecting the new final rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, [date]

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2018-0046**

**DATED: March XX, 2019**

**Synergy North Corporation**  
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**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2019**  
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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes shall be classified as residential service. Subclasses would be:

Overhead

Transformers not on private property

Transformers on private property

Underground

Transformers not on private property

Transformers on private property

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	\$	30.72
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020

## 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

All services other than those designated as residential service, municipal street lighting service. This includes combination type services where a variety of uses are made of the same service by the Customer (e.g. General Service less than 50 kVA combined with residential service). Subclasses would be:

Demand less than 50 kVA - (100A @ 120/208V; 100A @ 120/240V, 60A @ 347/600V)  
 Demand equal to 50 kVA, up to 500 kVA - (1600A @ 120/208V; 600A @ 347/600V; 600A @ 120/240V)  
 Demand equal to 500 kVA, up to 5,000 kVA - (greater than 1600A @ 120/208V OR greater than 600A @ 347/600V and service from the 44 kV distribution system)

For new installations, demand sizing is based on the main switch size in amps converted to kVA. 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	\$	39.82
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017

### 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 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

All services other than those designated as residential service, municipal street lighting service. This includes combination type services where a variety of uses are made of the same service by the Customer (e.g. General Service less than 50 kVA combined with residential service). Subclasses would be:

Demand less than 50 kVA - (100A @ 120/208V; 100A @ 120/240V, 60A @ 347/600V)

Demand equal to 50 kVA, up to 500 kVA - (1600A @ 120/208V; 600A @ 347/600V; 600A @ 120/240V)

Demand equal to 500 kVA, up to 5,000 kVA - (greater than 1600A @ 120/208V OR greater than 600A @ 347/600V and service from the 44 kV distribution system)

For new installations, demand sizing is based on the main switch size in amps converted to kVA. 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.

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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 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 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.



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**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	550.88
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7553
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3814
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6400

**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 applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kVA and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

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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.

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.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	14.46
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0043
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017

### 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**

All service supplied to any electrical street lighting equipment owned by, or operated for, the City of Kenora that is used to illuminate roadways and sidewalks, etc. The street light equipment is not metered, and they turn on and off by photoelectric cells. The consumption will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### **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.

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 (per connection)	\$	5.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4940
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7957
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4948

### **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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## **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	\$	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)

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## **SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES**

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### **Customer Administration**

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit Check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	25.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	25.00
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 (see Note below)**

Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove Load Control Device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove Load Control Device - after regular hours	\$	185.00

### **Other**

Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	65.00
Service call - customer-owned equipment - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at Meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	43.63

**NOTE: Ontario Energy Board Rate Order EB-2017-0183, issued on March 14, 2019, identifies changes to the Non-Payment of Account Service Charges effective July 1, 2019**

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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 (unless the distributor has opted out of applying the charge as per the Ontario Energy Board's Decision and Order EB-2015-0304, issued on February 14, 2019)	\$	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	1.0430
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0325