

DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2018-0038

HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.

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

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

March 28, 2019

1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (Hearst Power), as amended during the course of the proceeding. Hearst Power filed its initial application on October 16, 2018, and filed a revised application on October 31, 2018.

Hearst Power serves about 2,700 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Hearst. 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).

Hearst Power's application is based on a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (Price Cap IR) with a five-year term. The Price Cap IR option involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year. Mechanistic price cap adjustments, based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of the distributor's efficiency, are then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase before taxes of \$1.60 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2019.

Hearst Power has also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. In 2015, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.¹ 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.

¹ 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.

Hearst Power filed its revised application on October 31, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. Hearst Power supported its application with written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by Hearst Power through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Hearst Power on February 21, 2019. Hearst Power 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 Hearst Power's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- 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 charges² 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

Hearst Power 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 Hearst Power are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.35% increase to Hearst Power's rates: **1.35% = 1.50% - (0.00% + 0.15%)**.

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor ³		1.50%
X-Factor	Productivity ⁴	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) ⁵	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

² 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.

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

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

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

declining net income.

The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 rate year.

The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, each within a range from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any particular distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The most efficient distributor would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.00%. Conversely, a higher stretch factor would be applied to a less efficient distributor (in accordance with its cost performance relative to expected levels) to reflect the incremental productivity gains that the distributor is expected to achieve. The stretch factor assigned to Hearst Power is 0.15%.

Findings

The OEB finds that Hearst Power'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 Hearst Power's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2019.

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

5 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. For IRM applications, the OEB has long held that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate in these situations. The shared tax change amount, whether in the form of a credit or a debit, will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from a distributor's last cost of service proceeding.

The application identifies a total tax change of \$4,017, resulting in a shared amount of \$2,009 to be distributed to rate payers. Since the allocated tax sharing amount does not

⁶ Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

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 \$2,009 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs Hearst Power to record the OEB-approved tax sharing amount of \$2,009 into Account 1595 Sub-account Principal Balances Approved for Disposition in 2019, 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 host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

Hearst Power is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution system and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 6.1 and Table 6.2.

Table 6.1: UTRs⁷

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

⁷ Decision and Interim Rate Order, EB-2018-0326, December 20, 2018.

Table 6.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs⁸

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

Findings

Hearst Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs and 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 Hearst Power will charge its customers accordingly.

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

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.⁹ 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.¹⁰ If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for Hearst Power's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2019 is a debit of \$98,537. This amount represents a total debit claim of \$0.0013 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Hearst Power proposes the disposition of this debit amount over a one-year period.

⁸ Decision and Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016.

⁹ 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.

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

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account balance of a credit of \$36,878. Costs for the commodity portion of its electricity service reflects the sum of two charges: the price of electricity established by the operation of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administered wholesale market, and the GA.¹¹

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.

Hearst Power proposes the refund of its GA variance account balance of a credit of \$36,878 as at December 31, 2017, including interest to April 30, 2019, in accordance with the following table.

¹¹ 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.

Table 7.1: Recovery of GA Variance

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$25,648 refunded to customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2017 to December 2017	per kWh rate rider
\$11,231 refunded to customers formerly in Class B during the period January 2017 to June 2017 who were reclassified to Class A	12 equal installments ¹²

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes \$613 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 pay CBR charges to the IESO and record 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 Model¹³ rounds to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more rate classes.

Hearst Power 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: Low Voltage Charges, Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges, Retail Transmission Service Charges, Commodity Power Charges, and Account 1595 residual balances. These Group 1 accounts have a total debit balance of \$135,415, which results in a charge to customers.

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.¹⁴ Hearst Power

¹² 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation".

¹³ 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.2 "CBR B".

¹⁴ 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.¹⁵

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.¹⁶

Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$98,537 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 7.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	84,694	1,995	86,689
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(59)	2	(57)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(27,187)	474	(26,713)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	727	(114)	613
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	13,008	291	13,298
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	22,031	501	22,532
RSVA – Power	1588	32,666	2,650	35,317
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(34,519)	(2,359)	(36,878)

¹⁵ Report of the OEB – “Electricity Distributors’ Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR).” EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

¹⁶ 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.

Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2015)	1595	168,663	(164,928)	3,735
Totals for all Group 1 accounts		260,025	(161,488)	98,537

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*.¹⁷ 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. Hearst 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 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, 2020.¹⁸

8 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.¹⁹ 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

¹⁷ Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ 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.

programs, as part of the LRAMVA, must be addressed through a cost of service application.²⁰

In its application as originally filed, Hearst Power applied to dispose its LRAMVA debit balance of \$52,314. This balance consists of lost revenues for 2014 to 2017 and persistence of 2011 to 2016 programs in 2017. However, in response to OEB staff questions, Hearst Power noted that the disposition of the LRAMVA balance (in the amount of \$52,314) would temporarily and unnecessarily increase residential rates. Hearst Power thus sought to withdraw its request for disposition, and to address it at the time of Hearst Power's next cost of service application.

Findings

The OEB approves Hearst Power's request to withdraw the LRAMVA disposition. The OEB expects Hearst Power to address the matters identified in OEB staff's questions when re-filing for disposition in a future rates application.

9 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's residential rate design policy stipulates that distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period, beginning in 2016.²¹ This is the last year of Hearst Power's transition period and, accordingly, 2019 is the final year in which Hearst Power's rates will be adjusted upwards by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. Hearst Power 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.

²⁰ 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.

²¹ As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

Hearst Power notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$3.89. 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.

10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Hearst Power'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 Hearst Power 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, 2018.²²

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, 2018.²³

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. Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. 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, March 28, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

²² Decision and Order, EB-2018-0294, December 20, 2018.

²³ 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-2018-0038

DATED: March 28, 2019

Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.
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

EB-2018-0038

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts for customers residing in single dwelling units that consist of a detached house, semi detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, or individually metered apartment building. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility'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	\$	24.28
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	3.48
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	0.24
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0007
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	(0.0011)
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	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057

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

Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.

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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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly peak demand is less than or expected to be less than 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility'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	\$	19.07
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	5.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	0.62
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0006
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	(0.0011)
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	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
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

Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.

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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GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 1,499 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 1,500 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility'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.

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	\$	57.13
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	8.36
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	4.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7977
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2296
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	(0.0011)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.6258
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4242
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0248

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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INTERMEDIATE USER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 1,500 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	232.39
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	9.46
Rate Rider for Recovery of Stranded Meter Assets - effective until December 31, 2019	\$	71.36
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.1943
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2708
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	(0.0011)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.6646
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7114
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3883

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 is a sub-category of the street lighting load. These customers are billed on a fixed load based on the size of bulb. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	7.81
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.3457
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1795
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	(0.0009)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.6084
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8373
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5835

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 roadway lighting within the town, and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers is 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	4.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6324
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1759
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	(0.0011)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	0.5897
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8282
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5512

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 utility'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	(0.45)
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
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00

Non-Payment of Account (see Note below)

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	\$	40.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - during regular hours		time and materials
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	40.00

Other

Temporary service install and remove - overhead - no transformer		time and materials
Temporary service install and remove - underground - no transformer		time and materials
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	1.0414
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0310