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# **FINAL RATE ORDER**

**EB-2019-0019**

## **ALGOMA POWER INC.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges  
beginning January 1, 2020**

**BEFORE: Michael Janigan**  
Presiding Member

**Cathy Spoel**  
Member

**Robert Dodds**  
Vice Chair and Member

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**December 05, 2019**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a Final Rate Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on an application filed by Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) to change its electricity distribution rates as of January 1, 2020.

The OEB has reviewed Algoma Power's draft rate order (DRO) and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, and is satisfied that it accurately reflects the Decision and Order (Decision) issued on October 17, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

Algoma Power's residential and general service (R1) and industrial (R2) customers (deemed residential customers under Ontario Regulation [O. Reg] 442/01), pay rates below the cost of providing distribution service. Rates for these customers are financially subsidized through Distribution Rate Protection (DRP) under O. Reg 198/17; a First Nations Delivery Credit under O. Reg. 197/17; and/or the Rural and Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) fund under O. Reg 442/01.

In its Decision and Order in the matter of Distribution Rate Protection<sup>2</sup>, the OEB determined that Algoma Power shall not charge DRP-eligible customers more than \$36.86 for monthly base distribution charges for electricity consumed on or after July 1, 2019. As a result, DRP-eligible customers will not see an increase in their base distribution charge.

The change in revenue requirement for the affected customer classes will be reflected in the required 2020 RRRP funding.

As a result of this Final Rate Order, it is estimated that distribution rates, for a typical residential customer with monthly consumption of 750 kWh on the total bill, will increase by \$1.47 per month. This is an increase of 1.2%, before taxes.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2019-0049, Decision and Order, October 17, 2019

<sup>2</sup> EB-2019-0158, Decision and Order, June 20, 2019, p. 7

## 2 THE PROCESS

On October 17, 2019, the OEB issued the Decision in which it accepted the settlement proposal filed by Algoma Power and intervenors to this proceeding. In the Decision, the OEB directed Algoma Power to file a DRO with updated 2020 cost of capital parameters, cost of power and inflation factors as contemplated in the settlement proposal. The Decision also allowed for submissions from Algoma Power, OEB staff, and intervenors on the DRO.

On November 7, 2019, Algoma Power filed its DRO with a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. On November 21, 2019, OEB staff filed its submission on the DRO and submitted that Algoma Power had accurately reflected the Decision.

The OEB received no other submissions on the DRO.

### 3 RATE ORDER

The OEB has reviewed the information provided in support of Algoma Power's DRO and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. The OEB finds that the DRO accurately reflects the Decision.

The Specific Service Charges have most recently been amended by the OEB through two Reports: *Report of the OEB – Wireline Pole Attachment Charges*<sup>3</sup>; and *Report of the OEB – Energy Retail Service Charges*.<sup>4</sup> Certain service charges and the wireline pole attachment charge are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order.<sup>5</sup>

Algoma Power has updated the Retail Service Charges and Pole Attachment Charge in the Tariff of Rates and Charges by increasing the 2019 charge by the OEB's 2020 inflation rate. This calculation is consistent with the Reports of the OEB and the Decision and Order mentioned above.

The OEB has made some minor changes to the wording of the 2020 Tariff of Rates and Charges to ensure consistency with the tariff sheets of other Ontario electricity distributors. The final approved Tariff of Rates and Charges is attached as Schedule A to this Final Rate Order.

The new rates approved in this Final Rate Order are to be effective and implemented on January 1, 2020.

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<sup>3</sup> EB-2015-0304, Report of the Ontario Energy Board, March 22, 2018

<sup>4</sup> EB-2015-0304, Decision and Order, November 29, 2018

<sup>5</sup> EB-2019-0280, Decision and Order, November 28, 2019

## 4 ORDER

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Final Rate Order is final effective January 1, 2020 and is to be implemented January 1, 2020. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2020. Algoma Power Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto December 5, 2019

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary

**SCHEDULE A: TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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**DECEMBER 5, 2019**

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**RESIDENTIAL R1 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

For the purposes of rates and charges, a residential service is defined in two ways:

- i) a dwelling occupied as a residence continuously for at least eight months of the year and, where the residential premises is located on a farm, includes other farm premises associated with the residential electricity meter, and
- ii) consumers who are treated as residential-rate class customers under Ontario Regulation 445/07 (Reclassifying Certain Classes of Consumers as Residential-Rate Class Customers: Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998) made under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

This application refers to a Residential service with a demand of less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kilowatts, and which is billed on an energy basis. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Condition of Service.

**APPLICATION**

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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 - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (i) above	\$	46.72
Service Charge - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (ii) above	\$	25.94
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	(1.25)
Rate Rider for Partial Disposition of Interim Licence Deferral Account - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for customers in the Township of Dubreuilville	\$	11.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (i) above	\$/kWh	0.0128
Distribution Volumetric Rate - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (ii) above	\$/kWh	0.0365
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060

**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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## RESIDENTIAL R2 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a Residential service with a demand equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kilowatts, and which is billed on a demand basis. 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 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	\$	667.66
Rate Rider for Partial Disposition of Interim Licence Deferral Account - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for customers in the Township of Dubreuilville	\$	11.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4594
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	0.3844
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.5236)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	(0.0035)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6970
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2828

### 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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## SEASONAL CUSTOMERS SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes all services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic purposes, which are occupied on a seasonal/intermittent basis. A service is defined as Seasonal if occupancy is for a period of less than eight months of the year. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429. 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	\$	58.80
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$	(0.20)
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.1254
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1574 - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0307
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060

### 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 an account for roadway lighting. The consumption for these unmetered accounts will be based on the calculated connection load times the calculated hours of use established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429. 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)	\$	1.86
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.2999
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kWh	(0.0005)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020	\$/kW	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0545
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until December 31, 2020 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0027)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9529
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6468

### 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)

**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES**

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**Customer Administration**

Arrears certificate (credit reference)	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	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
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

**Non-Payment of Account**

Late payment - per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00

**Other**

Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	44.50
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00

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## RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by Algoma Power Inc. to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity and are defined in the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook.

	\$	
One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer		102.00
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	40.80
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.02
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.61
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.61)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.51
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.02
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)	\$	4.08
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)	\$	2.04

## 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	1.0829
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer	1.0721