

DECISION AND RATE ORDER EB-2019-0050

LAKEFRONT UTILITIES INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2020

By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott

December 12, 2019

1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Rate Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Lakefront Utilities Inc. (Lakefront Utilities) for new rates effective January 1, 2020.

Lakefront Utilities serves approximately 10,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Cobourg and Village of Colborne. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licensed 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 *Handbook for Utility Rate Applications*.

Lakefront Utilities' 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 typically 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 \$1.12 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective January 1, 2020.

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 hearing 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, as a placeholder, 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.

Lakefront Utilities filed its application on August 9, 2019 under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Chapter 3 of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for*

¹ The Rate Generator Model is a Microsoft Excel workbook that is used to update 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. During the course of an IRM proceeding, the Rate Generator Model may be updated in order to make any necessary corrections, or to incorporate new rate-setting parameters as they become available.

<u>Incentive Rate-Setting Applications</u> (Filing Requirements) and <u>Addendum to Filing</u> Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. During the course of the proceeding, the applicant responded to OEB staff questions through emails and phone calls and, where required, updated and clarified the evidence.

3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues, and provides reasons for approving or denying Lakefront Utilities' proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

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

Lakefront Utilities seeks to increase its rates, effective January 1, 2020, 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 adjustment formula applicable to Lakefront Utilities are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.85% increase to Lakefront Utilities' rates: 1.85% = 2.00% - (0.00% + 0.15%).

² Specific service charges have been amended by the OEB through: 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. Certain Service Charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. The Decision and Order EB-2019-0280 issued November 28, 2019 for energy retailer service charges, and the cover letter dated November 28, 2019 "Inflation Adjustment for Energy Retailer Service Charges (EB-2019-0280) and Wireline Pole Attachment Charge (EB-2015-0304) for Electricity Distributors", established the adjustments effective January 1, 2020.

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

	Components	Amount
Inflation Factor ³		2.00%
X-Factor	Productivity ⁴	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% - 0.60%) ⁵	0.15%

The inflation factor of 2.00% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2020 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 Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index applications for the 2020 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 Lakefront Utilities is 0.15%.

³ For the 2020 Inflation Factor, see Ontario Energy Board 2020 Electricity Distribution Rate applications webpage – October 31, 2019.

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: 2018 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 15, 2019.

Findings

The OEB finds that Lakefront Utilities' request for a 1.85% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Lakefront Utilities' new rates shall be effective January 1, 2020.

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

5 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Distributors charge retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) to their customers in order to recover the amounts they pay to a transmitter, a host distributor, or both, for transmission services. All transmitters charge Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) to distributors connected to the transmission system. Host distributors charge host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system. Each of these rates are OEB-approved.

Lakefront Utilities is fully 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 currently approved rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs⁷

Sub-Transmission Host RTSRs (2019)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$3.29
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.79
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.98

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.

⁷ EB-2017-0049, Decision and Order, June 11, 2019.

Findings

Lakefront Utilities' proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs.

The differences resulting from the approval of new 2020 UTRs will be captured in Accounts RSVA – Retail Transmission Network Charge 1584 and Retail Transmission Connection Charge 1586.

6 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

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

The 2018 actual year-end total balance for Lakefront Utilities' Group 1 accounts including interest projected to December 31, 2019 was a credit of \$766,077. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0031 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold, and the utility has requested final disposition of its balances from 2016 to 2018. Lakefront Utilities has proposed the disposition of this significant credit amount over a three-year period to reduce its cash flow impacts.

In 2018, the OEB suspended its approvals of Group 1 rate riders on a final basis pending the development of further accounting guidance on commodity pass-through variance accounts. ¹⁰ The OEB issued accounting guidance ¹¹ on the commodity accounts on February 21, 2019. In this letter, the OEB indicated that it expects distributors to consider the accounting guidance in the context of historical balances that have not yet been disposed on a final basis. Distributors are expected to make any adjustments needed prior to filing for final disposition.

⁸ 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.

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

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Accounting Procedures Handbook Update – Accounting Guidance Related to Commodity Pass-Through Accounts 1588 & 1589, February 21, 2019.

In the OEB's decision on its 2019 IRM application, Lakefront Utilities was denied disposition of its 2017 Group 1 DVA balances consisting of the cumulative 2016 and 2017 balances. The OEB was concerned with the corrections made by Lakefront Utilities to the 2017 balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589 as they occurred subsequent to the completion of a third-party audit on those balances. The OEB concluded that it could not rely on the audit report as filed, and ordered that an updated audit report relating to the December 31, 2017 balances be filed as part of Lakefront Utilities' 2020 IRM application.¹²

The updated audit report was to include a review of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) settlements process for Accounts 1588 and 1589; and, it was to indicate whether the IESO debit/credit amounts that were received after the respective December 31 year-ends were considered. Lakefront Utilities has filed an updated audit report with its 2020 IRM application.¹³

Lakefront Utilities also confirmed that it has applied the OEB's new accounting guidance to the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Group 1 account balances and has indicated that the resulting adjustments were limited to those presented in the updated audit report. Lakefront Utilities has recorded those adjustments as principal adjustments in the DVA Continuity Schedule filed in the current proceeding and therefore has requested final disposition of its adjusted 2016, 2017 and 2018 balances.

In support of its request to dispose of its December 31, 2018 balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589 as part of the current proceeding, Lakefront Utilities filed Global Adjustment (GA) Analysis Workforms for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. In the 2017 GA Analysis Workform, Lakefront Utilities has omitted the impact of a credit audit adjustment of \$974,452¹⁴ that was identified by its auditors as part of the updated third-party audit report. Reflecting this audit adjustment correctly as a principal adjustment in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform results in a material unreconciled difference in Account 1589, which suggests that the 2017 balance in Account 1589 is inaccurate.

In addition, OEB staff noted that the 2017 GA Analysis Workform and the DVA Continuity Schedule for 2017 are not consistent. In particular, as mentioned above, the \$974,452 is currently not being recognized as an adjustment to Account 1589 in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform, however it is being presented as a principal adjustment in the DVA Continuity Schedule. Therefore, the transactions, as presented in the GA

¹² EB-2018-0049, Decision and Order, December 20, 2018, p. 9.

¹³ EB-2019-0050, Application, Appendix 6.

¹⁴ The audit adjustment relates to Lakefront Utilities' failure to report its Class A kWh to the IESO for several months during 2017.

Analysis Workform, do not support the ending principal balance that Lakefront Utilities seeks to dispose of as per the DVA Continuity Schedule.

Further, OEB staff noted that the calculation of a second 2017 adjustment from the third-party audit report of \$2,373,485 may not be accurate. In light of Lakefront Utilities' failure to report its Class A kWh to the IESO during 2017, there is reason to believe that this audit adjustment may have been calculated based on IESO billings for Charge Type 148 that were overstated. During this proceeding, Lakefront Utilities did not provide any evidence that would support the contrary.

Findings

The OEB has concerns with the December 31, 2018 balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589, which are comprised of the cumulative balances from 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The OEB believes that it is appropriate to present the \$974,452 audit adjustment as a reconciling adjustment in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform. Such an adjustment is required to reconcile for the error that was caused when Lakefront Utilities failed to report its Class A kWh to the IESO during 2017 (and as a result was overbilled by the IESO during 2017). ¹⁶

Further, it is not clear to the OEB why Lakefront Utilities believes it is appropriate to include the \$974,452 as a principal adjustment in the 2017 DVA Continuity Schedule but not in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform. The net transactions, including adjustments in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform, are not consistent with the net transactions including adjustments in the DVA Continuity Schedule. As a result, this casts doubt over the accuracy of the disposition amount.

The OEB finds that the explanations provided by Lakefront Utilities related to the above noted issues do not adequately explain or address the concerns raised during the proceeding.¹⁷ Further, in regards to the issue that was raised by OEB staff with respect to the accuracy of the \$2,373,485 audit adjustment, the OEB finds that Lakefront

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¹⁵ The audit adjustment in question serves to true-up the 2017 split of the Charge Type 148 (Global Adjustments) billings from the IESO between RPP and Non-RPP customers.

¹⁶ The impact of the failure to report Class A kWh to the IESO and the resulting overbillings of Charge Type 148 by the IESO is captured in the 2017 Net Change in Principal Balance in the G/L (i.e., the first line of Note 5 in the 2017 GA Analysis Workform). Therefore, in order to correct for the error in the GA Analysis Workform, the impact of this error would need to be reversed out of the transactions for the year by recording a principal adjustment in Note 5.

¹⁷ These issues were discussed with Lakefront Utilities during several conference calls held in November 2019, and is also addressed in the response to Follow-up Question 5, dated November 7, 2019.

Utilities has failed to provide adequate evidence requested by OEB staff in order to support the accuracy of this amount.¹⁸

Based on the above noted concerns, the OEB does not approve the disposition of Lakefront Utilities' Group 1 account balances from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

This is the second time that the OEB is questioning the results of the third-party audit that was conducted on the 2016 and 2017 balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589. Given these concerns, the OEB is referring this matter to the OEB's Audit & Investigations department for the consideration of Lakefront Utilities' processes regarding RPP settlement claims with the IESO.

7 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 Lakefront Utilities' last cost of service decision, and to ensure that the 2019 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2018, are as reported by Lakefront Utilities 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 7.1: 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	
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,

¹⁸ Through discussions with Lakefront Utilities, OEB staff requested that Lakefront Utilities provide a calculation of the audit adjustment that demonstrates that the impact of the IESO overbillings of Charge Type 148 was removed from the IESO gross billings that were used to calculate the resulting RPP / Non-RPP split true-up. This was not provided by Lakefront Utilities.

established annually by the OEB through a separate, generic order. The RRRP, WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on December 20, 2018.¹⁹

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, 2018.²⁰

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

 The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2020 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Lakefront Utilities Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.

DATED at Toronto, December 12, 2019

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary

¹⁹ EB-2018-0294, Decision and Order, December 20, 2018.

²⁰ EB-2017-0290, Decision and Order, March 1, 2018.

Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

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

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

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 the Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Global Adjustment and the HST.

Service Charge	\$	23.30
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	24.99
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0058
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0048

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 2,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 3,000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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 WMP, customers that transitioned between Class A and Class B during the variance account accumulation period, or to customers that were in Class A for the entire period. Customers who transitioned are to be charged or refunded their share of the variance disposed through customer specific billing adjustments. This rate rider is to be consistently applied for the entire period to the sunset date of the rate rider. In addition, this rate rider is applicable to all new non-RPP Class B customers.

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

Service Charge	\$	87.82
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5188
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4933
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3392
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9461

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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 3,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 3,000 kW, but less than 5,000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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 WMP, customers that transitioned between Class A and Class B during the variance account accumulation period, or to customers that were in Class A for the entire period. Customers who transitioned are to be charged or refunded their share of the variance disposed through customer specific billing adjustments. This rate rider is to be consistently applied for the entire period to the sunset date of the rate rider. In addition, this rate rider is applicable to all new non-RPP Class B customers.

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

Service Charge	\$	6,050.84
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.1742
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5819
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6163
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2954

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/ documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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.

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Service Charge (per customer)	\$	15.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0224
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
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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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

APPLICATION

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.16
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.7630
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3893
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7728
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5360
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 with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers 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

Service Charge (per device)

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Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.0749
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3814
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7643
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5045
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.

APPLICATION

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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

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Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late payment - per month		
(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		
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00

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Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$ 300.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$ 1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$ 44.50
Interval meter load management tool charge \$/month	\$ 110.00
Service charge for onsite interrogation of interval meter due to customer phone line failure - required weekly until line repaired	\$ 60.00

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RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity.

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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 < 5,000 kW

Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW 1.0341

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