

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

# EB-2019-0045

# HYDRO ONE REMOTE COMMUNITIES INC.

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

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

[date]

### **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 Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. (Hydro One Remotes) for new rates effective May 1, 2020.

Hydro One Remotes serves approximately 4,100 mostly residential customers in 22 geographically isolated communities in Northern Ontario. 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 <u>Handbook for Utility Rate Applications</u>.

Hydro One Remotes' 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 Hydro One Remotes is not connected to a transmission grid and is therefore not billed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), and does not pay taxes, many of the standard issues that apply to other distributors do not apply in this case.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$1.83 before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate<sup>1</sup> for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> O. Reg 363/16, s. 3, effective November 1, 2019.

distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements.<sup>2</sup> A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model, and include it with its application. The Rate Generator Model prepared by the OEB for distributors filing IRM applications does not accommodate Hydro One Remotes' unique circumstances. Hydro One Remotes has therefore used its own model, using its 2019-approved rates as the basis, for calculating 2020 rates. This model was reviewed by OEB staff.

Hydro One Remotes filed a revised application on November 15, 2019 under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Chapter 3 of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications* (Filing Requirements) and <u>Addendum to Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications</u>.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed rate 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**

As noted above, due to Hydro One Remotes' unique circumstances, many of the standard issues that apply to other distributors in an IRM proceeding do not apply in this case. In this Decision, the OEB accepts the Price Cap adjustment proposed by Hydro One Remotes.

In the final section, the OEB addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in previous proceedings, which are not part of the scope of an IRM proceeding (such as specific service charges<sup>3</sup> and loss factors). No further approvals are required to continue to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

### **4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT**

Hydro One Remotes seeks to increase its rates, effective May 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 Hydro One Remotes are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 2.00% increase to Hydro One Remotes' rates: 2.00% = 2.00% - (0.00% + 0.00%).

	Components	Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>4</sup>		2.00%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
A-Factor	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.00%

### Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For the 2020 Inflation Factor, see Ontario Energy Board 2020 Electricity Distribution Rate applications webpage – October 31, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Report of the OEB – "Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors" EB-2010-0379, Issued November 21, 2013, corrected December 4, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2018 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 15, 2019.

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 Hydro One Remotes is 0.00%.

Hydro One Remotes is excluded from the OEB's benchmarking analysis because of its unique circumstances. As noted in Hydro One Remotes' 2014-2017 and 2019 Price Cap IR decisions<sup>7</sup> and its 2018 cost of service application,<sup>8</sup> Hydro One Remotes is unique in terms of its operating characteristics and cost recovery due to the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) program. Any surplus it achieves from efficiency gains is recorded in the RRRP variance account and returned to RRRP ratepayers of Ontario.<sup>9</sup> The imposition of a stretch factor greater than 0% serves only to lower customer rates and increase the amount paid by RRRP ratepayers.<sup>10</sup> The assignment of a higher stretch factor would not provide the intended incentive to the distributor or benefit to its customers.

### Findings

The OEB finds that Hydro One Remotes' request for a 2.00% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Hydro One Remotes' new rates shall be effective May 1, 2020.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EB-2013-0142 (2014), EB-2014-0084 (2015), EB-2015-0080 (2016), EB-2016-0083 (2017), EB-2018-0043 (2019) Decision and Rate Orders

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> EB-2017-0051, Exhibit A, Tab 2, Schedule 2, Page 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EB-2013-0142, Decision and Rate Order, Page 3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Ibid*, Page 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

### 5 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a rate model, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Hydro One Remotes' last cost of service decision, and the 2019 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges.

The Rate Generator Model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

In the *Report of the Board Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*<sup>12</sup>, the OEB indicated that it will review the default province-wide microFIT charge annually to ensure it continues to reflect actual costs. In accordance with the established methodology, the OEB has calculated an updated value of \$4.55 per month<sup>13</sup> for the 2020 rate year. The Tariff of Rates and Charges attached as Schedule A reflect this updated charge.

### 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 May 1, 2020 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Hydro One Remote Communities 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, [date]

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary

<sup>13</sup> OEB letter, issued February 24, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution cost Allocation Policy, March 31, 2011.

Schedule A

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### Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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### NON STANDARD A YEAR ROUND RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION – R2

This classification refers to a residential service that is the principal residence of the customer. This classification may include additional buildings served through the same meter, provided they are not rental income units. To be classed as year round residential, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Occupants must state that this is their principal residence for purposes of the Income Tax Act;
- The occupant must live in this residence for at least 8 months of the year;
- The address of this residence must appear on the occupant's electric bill, driver's licence, credit card invoice, property tax bill, etc.;
- Occupants who are eligible to vote in Provincial or Federal elections must be enumerated for this purpose at the address of this residence.

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.

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.

Service Charge		9	3	20.50
Electricity Rate - First 1,000 kWh		9	\$/kWh	0.0964
Electricity Rate - Next 1,500 kWh		9	\$/kWh	0.1287
Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh		9	\$/kWh	0.1939

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### NON STANDARD A SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION – R4

This classification is comprised of any residential service not meeting the year-round residential criteria. As such, the seasonal residential class includes cottages, chalets, and camps. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Service Charge Electricity Rate - First 1,000 kWh Electricity Rate - Next 1,500 kWh Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh

\$	34.64
\$/kWh	0.0964
\$/kWh	0.1287
\$/kWh	0.1939

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### NON STANDARD A GENERAL SERVICE SINGLE PHASE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION – G1

This classification is applicable to any service that does not fit the description of the year-round residential or seasonal residential. Generally, it is comprised of commercial, administrative, recreational, and auxiliary services. It includes combination of services where a variety of uses are made of the service by the owner of one property, and all multiple services except residential. This classification is applicable to General Service Single Phase customers. 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		\$	34.84
Electricity Rate - First 6,000 kWh		\$/kWh	0.1081
Electricity Rate - Next 7,000 kWh		\$/kWh	0.1434
Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh		\$/kWh	0.1939

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### NON STANDARD A GENERAL SERVICE THREE PHASE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION – G3

This classification is applicable to any service that does not fit the description of the year-round residential or seasonal residential. Generally, it is comprised of commercial, administrative, recreational, and auxiliary services. It includes combination of services where a variety of uses are made of the service by the owner of one property, and all multiple services except residential. This classification is applicable to General Service Three Phase customers. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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Service Charge	\$	43.63
Electricity Rate - First 25,000 kWh	\$/kWh	0.1081
Electricity Rate - Next 15,000 kWh	\$/kWh	0.1434
Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh	\$/kWh	0.1939

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

The energy consumption for street lights is estimated based on Remotes' profile for street lighting load, which provides the amount of time each month that the street lights are operating. Streetlight charges include:

- An energy charge based on installed load, at a rate approved annually (Dollars per kWh x # of fixtures x billing);
- A pole rental charge approved annually, when the light is attached to a Remotes' pole.

Remotes must approve the location of new lighting installations on its poles and the streetlight owner must enter into an agreement to use such poles. Remotes will make the electrical service connection of all streetlights to the distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Electricity Rate

\$/kWh 0.1072

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# STANDARD A RESIDENTIAL ROAD/RAIL ACCESS SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

Standard A rates are applicable to all accounts paid directly or indirectly out of Federal and/or Provincial government revenue, subject to the following exceptions:

- Canada Post Corporation, Hydro One Inc. or a subsidiary of Hydro One Inc.
- social housing
- a recreational or sports facility
- a radio, television or cable television facility
- a library

Any Standard A account may be reclassified as General Service, Residential Year-Round or Residential-Seasonal at any time. To reclassify a Standard A account, a letter from the accountable Federal and/or Provincial Government agency must be provided to Remotes stating that the account does not receive any direct and/or indirect funding of a continuous nature. An alternative to this letter would be a declaration from a Director of the organization stating that the organization receives no funding. This declaration must be accompanied by an audited statement, which includes the funding source. An example of direct funding is an MTO account paid directly by MTO. An example of indirect funding is a First Nation School account paid by a First Nation through funding by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

This classification is applicable to residential customers in communities that are accessible by a year-round road or by rail.

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Electricity Rate - First 250 kWh	\$/kWh	0.6350
Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh	\$/kWh	0.7225

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### STANDARD A RESIDENTIAL AIR ACCESS SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

Standard A rates are applicable to all accounts paid directly or indirectly out of Federal and/or Provincial government revenue, subject to the following exceptions:

- Canada Post Corporation, Hydro One Inc. or a subsidiary of Hydro One Inc.
- social housing
- a recreational or sports facility
- a radio, television or cable television facility
- a library

Any Standard A account may be reclassified as General Service, Residential Year-Round or Residential-Seasonal at any time. To reclassify a Standard A account, a letter from the accountable Federal and/or Provincial Government agency must be provided to Remotes stating that the account does not receive any direct and/or indirect funding of a continuous nature. An alternative to this letter would be a declaration from a Director of the organization stating that the organization receives no funding. This declaration must be accompanied by an audited statement, which includes the funding source. An example of direct funding is an MTO account paid directly by MTO. An example of indirect funding is a First Nation School account paid by a First Nation through funding by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

This classification is applicable to residential customers in communities that are not accessible by a year-round road or by rail.

#### APPLICATION

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Electricity Rate - First 250 kWh	\$/kWh	0.9587
Electricity Rate - All Additional kWh	\$/kWh	1.0492

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### STANDARD A GENERAL SERVICE ROAD/RAIL ACCESS SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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- Canada Post Corporation, Hydro One Inc. or a subsidiary of Hydro One Inc.
- social housing
- a recreational or sports facility
- a radio, television or cable television facility
- a library

Any Standard A account may be reclassified as General Service, Residential Year-Round or Residential-Seasonal at any time. To reclassify a Standard A account, a letter from the accountable Federal and/or Provincial Government agency must be provided to Remotes stating that the account does not receive any direct and/or indirect funding of a continuous nature. An alternative to this letter would be a declaration from a Director of the organization stating that the organization receives no funding. This declaration must be accompanied by an audited statement, which includes the funding source. An example of direct funding is an MTO account paid directly by MTO. An example of indirect funding is a First Nation School account paid by a First Nation through funding by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

This classification is applicable to all non-residential Standard A customers in communities that are accessible by a year-round road or by rail.

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**Electricity Rate** 

\$/kWh 0.7255

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- a radio, television or cable television facility
- a library

Any Standard A account may be reclassified as General Service, Residential Year-Round or Residential-Seasonal at any time. To reclassify a Standard A account, a letter from the accountable Federal and/or Provincial Government agency must be provided to Remotes stating that the account does not receive any direct and/or indirect funding of a continuous nature. An alternative to this letter would be a declaration from a Director of the organization stating that the organization receives no funding. This declaration must be accompanied by an audited statement, which includes the funding source. An example of direct funding is an MTO account paid directly by MTO. An example of indirect funding is a First Nation School account paid by a First Nation through funding by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

This classification is applicable to all non-residential Standard A customers in communities that are not accessible by a year-round road or by rail.

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**Electricity Rate** 

\$/kWh 1.0492

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### STANDARD A GRID CONNECTED SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification is applicable to all Standard A customers in communities that are connected to the grid and are not accessible by a year-round road or by rail.

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Electricity Rate

\$/kWh 0.3287

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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

4.55

\$

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### Hydro One Remote Communities Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2020 This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### 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 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 Board, or as specified herein.

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.

Customer Administration Arrears certificate Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable) Returned cheque (plus bank charges) Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$ \$ \$	15.00 30.00 15.00 30.00
Non-Payment of Account Late payment - per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate) Reconnection – if in community	% \$	1.50 65.00