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## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2019-0057**

### **NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION LIMITED**

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

**By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos**

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**April 16, 2020**

## 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 North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited (North Bay Hydro) for new rates effective May 1, 2020.

North Bay Hydro serves approximately 24,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of North Bay. 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 [Handbook for Utility Rate Applications](#).

North Bay Hydro'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 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 of \$2.11 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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> O. Reg 363/16. S. 3, effective November 1, 2019.

<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.

North Bay Hydro filed its application on November 25, 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 [Addendum to Filing 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 North Bay Hydro's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account Balance

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

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

### 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

North Bay Hydro seeks to increase its rates, effective May 1, 2020, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved *inflation minus X-factor* formula

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<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.

applicable to Price Cap IR applications.

The components of the Price Cap IR adjustment formula applicable to North Bay Hydro are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.70% increase to North Bay Hydro's rates:  $1.70\% = 2.00\% - (0.00\% + 0.30\%)$ .

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>4</sup>		2.00%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.30%

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 North Bay Hydro is

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

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

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

0.30%.

## Findings

The OEB finds that North Bay Hydro's request for a 1.70% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and North Bay Hydro's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2020.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>7</sup>

## 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.

North Bay Hydro 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 currently approved rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2.

**Table 5.1: UTRs<sup>8</sup>**

UTRs (2020)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$3.92
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.97
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.33

<sup>7</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

<sup>8</sup> EB-2019-0296, Decision and Interim Order, December 19, 2019.

**Table 5.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs<sup>9</sup>**

<b>Sub-Transmission Host RTSRs (2020)</b>	<b>per kW</b>
Network Service Rate	\$3.40
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.80
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.02

## Findings

North Bay Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. North Bay Hydro's RTSRs were adjusted to reflect the OEB-approved interim 2020 UTRs and host-RTSRs.

The OEB finds that the interim 2020 UTRs and Hydro One Networks Inc.'s 2020 host sub-transmission RTSRs were incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that North Bay Hydro will charge its customers.

The differences resulting from the approval of final 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 accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be disposed.<sup>10</sup> OEB policy requires that Group 1 accounts be disposed if they exceed (as a debit or credit) a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor can justify why balances should not be disposed.<sup>11</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

<sup>9</sup> EB-2019-0043, Decision and Rate Order, December 17, 2019.

<sup>10</sup> Group 1 accounts track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor services (including the cost of power) and the associated revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these services. The total net difference between these costs and revenues is disposed to customers through a temporary charge or credit known as a rate rider.

<sup>11</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

The 2018 actual year-end total balance for North Bay Hydro's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2020 is a credit of \$212,925. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0004 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold, and the utility has not requested disposition.

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.<sup>12</sup> The OEB then issued accounting guidance<sup>13</sup> 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.

In its current application, North Bay Hydro noted that due to system limitations, it experienced an unforeseen delay in its implementation of the new accounting guidance. This task was to be completed by August 31, 2019 for all electricity distributors. North Bay Hydro stated that it is working to finalize its internal processes in order to be compliant with the new accounting guidance. North Bay Hydro indicated that the balances reported for its 2019 reporting and record keeping requirements (RRR) filing will be consistent with the new accounting guidance.<sup>14</sup> In response to OEB staff questions, North Bay Hydro stated that it is in the final stages of its review and expects the accounting guidance to be in place within the next few months.<sup>15</sup>

North Bay Hydro stated that it is not currently seeking disposition of either Account 1588 or Account 1589 in the current application. North Bay Hydro noted that it will provide the OEB with a review of historical balances, results of the review, and any adjustments when it seeks disposition at a future date.<sup>16</sup>

In North Bay Hydro's 2019 proceeding, 2017 balances were not approved for clearance as the disposition threshold was not met and concerns were also noted by the OEB. The OEB was concerned with North Bay Hydro's Account 1588 and Account 1589 balances. The OEB stated that it expected North Bay Hydro to apply the new accounting guidance to the distributor's 2017 transactions and explain any material adjustments.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook Update – Accounting Guidance Related to Commodity Pass-Through Accounts 1588 & 1589, February 21, 2019.

<sup>14</sup> EB-2019-0057, Manager's Summary, Pages 9-10.

<sup>15</sup> EB-2019-0057, Response to OEB Staff Question-7, January 28, 2020.

<sup>16</sup> EB-2019-0057, Manager's Summary, Pages 9-10.

<sup>17</sup> EB-2018-0057, Decision and Rate Order, Pages 6 & 7, March 28, 2019.

In response to OEB staff questions in the current proceeding, North Bay Hydro confirmed that it will apply the new accounting guidance to years 2017, 2018, and 2019, prior to seeking final disposition.<sup>18</sup> The OEB notes that the most recent year in which Accounts 1588 and 1589 balances were approved for disposition on a final basis related to 2016 balances in North Bay Hydro's 2018 proceeding.<sup>19</sup>

## Findings

The OEB finds that the account balances, excluding the account balances not brought forward for clearance in this proceeding, appear reasonable and confirms that the threshold calculation is correct. No disposition is required at this time for any of the Group 1 accounts, as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded and the utility did not request disposition. North Bay Hydro is expected to apply the new accounting guidance to the 2017, 2018, and 2019 balances, prior to seeking disposition of Account 1588 and Account 1589 in its next rate application for 2021 rates. The OEB also expects North Bay Hydro to identify and explain any material adjustments resulting from the application of the new accounting guidance.

The remaining Group 1 account balances for years 2017, 2018 and 2019 will also be brought forward for disposition in North Bay Hydro's 2021 rate application. It is the OEB's expectation that North Bay Hydro will dispose of all eligible Group 1 accounts in its 2021 rate application, given the several years of balances that have accumulated to date. In the event that North Bay Hydro files an IRM application instead of its anticipated cost of service application for 2021 rates,<sup>20</sup> the OEB notes that disposition of its Group 1 accounts may occur, even if the disposition threshold is not met. However, the OEB will make its final determination on this issue in the 2021 rate proceeding.

## 7 LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCE

In recent years, distributors have delivered conservation and demand management (CDM) programs to their customers through the Conservation First Framework (CFF), which began on January 1, 2015. These programs result in reduced total energy

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<sup>18</sup> EB-2019-0057, Response to OEB Staff Question-6, January 28, 2020.

<sup>19</sup> EB-2017-0065, Decision and Rate Order, Page 8, March 22, 2018.

<sup>20</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009, page 13, the OEB stated that it "agrees that at the time of rebasing, all Account balances should be disposed of unless otherwise justified by the distributor or as required by a specific Board decision or guideline."



consumption. To address the impact of the reduced consumption, the OEB established a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture a distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual savings and forecast conservation savings included in the last OEB-approved load forecast.<sup>21</sup> These differences are recorded by distributors at the rate class level.

On March 20, 2019, the CFF was revoked.<sup>22</sup> However, the OEB indicated that electricity distributors will continue to have access to a lost revenue adjustment mechanism for conservation program activities undertaken under the CFF.<sup>23</sup>

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.

North Bay Hydro has applied to dispose its LRAMVA debit balance of \$274,497. The balance consists of lost revenues from CDM programs from 2015-2018 and carrying charges. The actual conservation savings claimed by North Bay Hydro were determined by the IESO.<sup>24</sup> For CDM programs delivered prior to 2018, the IESO provided LDCs with a Final Results Report that summarized all annual CDM results. For CDM programs delivered in 2018, the IESO made monthly Participation and Cost Reports and detailed project level data available to support LRAMVA applications. Actual conservation savings were compared against North Bay Hydro's forecasted conservation savings of 16,199,356 kWh included in the load forecast, which was set out in LDC's 2015 cost of service proceeding.<sup>25</sup>

## Findings

The OEB finds that North Bay Hydro's LRAMVA balance has been calculated in accordance with the OEB's CDM-related guidelines and updated LRAMVA policy. The OEB approves the disposition of North Bay Hydro's LRAMVA debit balance of \$274,497, as set out in Table 7.1 below.

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<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> On March 20, 2019 the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines issued separate Directives to the OEB and the IESO.

<sup>23</sup> Ontario Energy Board letter dated June 20, 2019.

<sup>24</sup> For CDM programs delivered from 2015 to 2017, the IESO provided distributors with a Final Results Report that summarized all savings results. For 2018, distributors accessed the Participant and Cost Reports and detailed project level data from the IESO to support LRAMVA applications.

<sup>25</sup> EB-2014-0099, Decision and Order, July 16, 2015.

**Table 7.1 LRAMVA Balance for Disposition**

Account Name	Account Number	Actual CDM Savings (\$) A	Forecasted CDM Savings (\$) B	Carrying Charges (\$) C	Total Claim (\$) D=(A-B)+C
LRAMVA	1568	456,021	196,064	14,540	274,497

## 8 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 North Bay Hydro's 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 North Bay Hydro 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 8.1: 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 17, 2019.<sup>26</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering

<sup>26</sup> EB-2019-0278, Decision and Order, December 17, 2019.

Entity Charge was set by the OEB on March 1, 2018.<sup>27</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*<sup>28</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>29</sup> for the 2020 rate year. The Tariff of Rates and Charges attached as Schedule A reflects this updated charge.

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Subject to paragraph 2, 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.
2. In light of the COVID-19 emergency, the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved to be implemented November 1, 2020 if North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited notifies the OEB under paragraph 4 that it is electing to postpone the implementation of its new rates until November 1, 2020.
3. Any temporarily forgone distribution revenue associated with the postponement referred to in paragraph 2 may be tracked in Account 1509 - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues.
4. North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited shall, on or before April 23, 2020, file a letter with the OEB indicating whether it intends to postpone the implementation of the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order.
5. If North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited elects not to postpone the implementation of the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order, it shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.

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<sup>27</sup> EB-2017-0290, Decision and Order, March 1, 2018.

<sup>28</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution cost Allocation Policy", March 31, 2011.

<sup>29</sup> OEB letter, issued February 24, 2020.

All materials filed with the OEB must quote the file number, **EB-2019-0057**, be made in a searchable/unrestricted PDF format and sent electronically through the OEB's web portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice>. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and email address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <https://www.oeb.ca/industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to [boardsec@oeb.ca](mailto:boardsec@oeb.ca).

NOTE: The OEB is temporarily waiving the paper copy filing requirement until further notice. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 16, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Originally signed by*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2019-0057**

**DATED: April 16, 2020**

# North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

## 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

EB-2019-0057

### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate 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. All customers are single-phase. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	29.19
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0008
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069

### 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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## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes non residential accounts taking electricity at 750 volts or less where 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.

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	\$	25.00
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0192
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061

#### 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

# North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2020**

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 2,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification includes non residential accounts where 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 Wholesale Market Participant (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 Ontario Energy Board approval, such as the Global Adjustment and the HST.

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	315.75
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6359
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0255
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kW	0.1090
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7750
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4129

#### **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 includes non residential accounts where 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

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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 Wholesale Market Participant (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	\$	6,734.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2378
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0282
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020) - effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kW	0.3146
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.9436
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6665

#### 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 includes accounts taking electricity at 750 volts or less where monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. These 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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0127
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061

### 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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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.10
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	17.7881
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0201
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1032
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9041

### 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 is for roadway lighting with the Municipality. The consumption for this customer 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 distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	27.1545
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0197
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0930
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8651

### **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	\$	4.55
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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

#### APPLICATION

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#### Customer Administration

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	\$	165.00

#### Other

Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	44.50

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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	\$	102.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	40.80
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$	1.02
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$	0.61
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$	(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	1.0471
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0366