

# FINAL RATE ORDER EB-2019-0060

## **ORANGEVILLE HYDRO LIMITED**

Final Rate Order for rates and other charges effective May 1, 2020 and implemented November 1, 2020

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

October 8, 2020

#### INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

In its Decision and Rate Order in this proceeding, issued April 16, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved new electricity distribution rates for Orangeville Hydro Limited (Orangeville Hydro), with an effective date of May 1, 2020. In consideration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision and Rate Order also granted Orangeville Hydro the option to postpone implementation of its new rates, and to track temporarily forgone revenue in a deferral and variance account.

Through this Final Rate Order, the OEB authorizes Orangeville Hydro to implement its new rates on November 1, 2020, including a rate rider for the recovery of forgone revenue resulting from postponing rate implementation in response to COVID-19. The rider, entitled Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation, will be effective until October 31, 2021.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$2.73, before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective November 1, 2020.

#### THE PROCESS

Orangeville Hydro filed an Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on November 4, 2019, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates.

On April 16, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order approving Orangeville Hydro's new rates, with an effective date of May 1, 2020. However, in light of the uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision and Rate Order also granted Orangeville Hydro the option to postpone implementation of its new rates and to track temporarily forgone revenue in Account 1509, Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues.

On April 17, 2020, the OEB issued <u>initial implementation guidance</u> to all distributors who had been authorized to postpone implementation of their 2020 rates. The OEB advised that distribution revenue associated with the postponement of the implementation should be tracked separately, by customer class, within Account 1509 - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues, and may include the following components, as applicable:

- impacts arising from the postponement of changes to monthly fixed service charges and variable distribution charges
- forgone distribution revenue due to the postponement of the implementation of an approved Incremental Capital Module
- impacts arising from the postponement of the change in the microFIT monthly fixed service charge

On April 23, 2020, Orangeville Hydro filed a letter with the OEB, advising that the utility had elected to postpone the implementation of its new rates.

On August 6, 2020, the OEB issued an <u>Accounting Order</u>, a COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider Model, and associated filing instructions and account guidance for those utilities that wished to seek recovery of forgone revenue, the implementation of their 2020 rate increase, or both. In the Accounting Order, the OEB established a new sub-account under the Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency Account, called the Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation sub-account. The OEB advised that this new sub-account was to be used to record forgone revenues due to the postponement of rate implementation as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. The OEB further explained that any utility that had already recorded forgone revenue

amounts due to postponing rate implementation in the Lost Revenues sub-account was to transfer these amounts to the Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation sub-account.

The OEB required utilities that wished to seek recovery of forgone revenue, the increase to their 2020 base rates, or both, to provide their calculations for the forgone revenue rate rider (if applicable) and tariff of rates and charges as part of the COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider model by September 15, 2020.

#### **COVID-19 FORGONE REVENUE RECOVERY**

Orangeville Hydro seeks authorization to implement its new rates on November 1, 2020, to recover forgone distribution revenue in the amount of \$50,569 over a twelve-month period, and to provide a one-time payment to its microFIT rate class customers.

In support of its request, and in accordance with the OEB's prior instructions in this proceeding, Orangeville Hydro filed a COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider Model (which also calculates class-specific rate riders), on September 15, 2020, and filed an update to the model on October 1, 2020.

#### **FINDINGS**

The OEB has reviewed Orangeville Hydro's request for implementation of 2020 distribution rates, recovery of COVID-19 forgone revenue, provision of a one-time credit to its microFIT rate class customers, as well as the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges, and is satisfied that they accurately reflect the Decision and Rate Order issued on April 16, 2020.

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

**DATED** at Toronto, October 8, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar

## Schedule A

**To Final Rate Order** 

**Tariff of Rates and Charges** 

OEB File No: EB-2019-0060

DATED: October 8, 2020

Effective May 1, 2020

Amended to Reflect the Implementation Date of November 1, 2020 (unless indicated otherwise)

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to residential customers residing in detached, semi detached, townhouse (freehold or condominium) dwelling units duplexes or triplexes. Basic connection is defined as 100 amp 120/240 volt overhead service. 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	\$	27.11
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.24
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.16
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0017
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020)		
- effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0003
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
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 peak demand is less than or expected to be less than 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	34.07
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.31
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020)		
- effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039
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 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 expected to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5000 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.

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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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Service Charge	\$	174.60
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	1.58
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.3443
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6049
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.8608
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.0218
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021		
Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	(0.3798)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020)		
- effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.0171
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.0198
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6533
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5648
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.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.40
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.03
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	13.2824
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4774
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation		
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.1230
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.4608
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020)		
- effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	1.0565
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.2429
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0109
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2354
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 accounts concerning roadway lighting for a Municipality, Regional Municipality, and/or the Ministry of Transportation. This lighting will be controlled by photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times as 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.55	
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation			
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.02	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.5544	
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4675	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.3816	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021			
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0002)	
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation			
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.0772	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2020)			
- effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	4.7206	
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.2564	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0010	
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2096	
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component			
	0/114/1	0.0000	
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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.51		
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation				
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$	0.06		
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091		
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0015		
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation				
- effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0001		
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0013		
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0002		
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065		
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0039		
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		
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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

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
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		
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
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	\$/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	1.0481
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0376