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DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2020-0029

HYDRO HAWKESBURY INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2021

By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott

[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 Hawkesbury Inc. (Hydro Hawkesbury) for new rates effective January 1, 2021.

Hydro Hawkesbury serves approximately 5,600 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Hawkesbury. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licensed and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

A distributor may choose one of three rate-setting methodologies approved by the OEB. Each of these is explained in the <u>Handbook for Utility Rate Applications</u>.

Hydro Hawkesbury'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 this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill decrease of \$0.36 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective January 1, 2021. The decrease does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.¹

¹ O Reg 363/16, s 3

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.² A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model, and include it with its application.

Hydro Hawkesbury filed a complete application on October 30, 2020³ under section 78 of the OEB Act, in accordance with the Chapter 3 of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications* (Filing Requirements).

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, where required, updated and clarified the evidence.

² 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.

³ OEB Incomplete Letter, dated October 5, 2020, with original application filed September 21, 2020

3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

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

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- 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 charges⁴ and loss factors). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

⁴ Certain Service Charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. The Decision and Order EB-2020-0285, issued December 3, 2020 established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2021. The Order EB-2020-0288, issued December 10, 2020, set the Wireline Pole Attachment Charge for January 1, 2021 on an interim basis.

4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

The Price Cap IR adjustment follows an OEB-approved formula that includes components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains.⁵ The components in the formula are also approved by the OEB annually.

The formula is an *inflation minus X-factor* rate adjustment, which is intended to incent innovation and efficiency. A maximum inflation factor of 2.20% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2021 rate year, provided that a utility does not elect a lower inflation factor to be used.

In light of the continued uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, and its impact on electricity utilities and customers alike, for 2021 rate adjustment applications, the OEB allowed utilities the discretion of applying either the calculated inflation factor in accordance with the OEB-approved methodology or a lower value. Utilities were also given the discretion to forego the inflationary increase entirely.⁶

While the OEB applies a formulaic Price Cap IR adjustment that includes components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains, the OEB also monitors a distributor's earnings as part of the reporting and record-keeping requirements. Should a distributor's earnings fall outside of a dead band of +/- 300 basis points from the OEB-approved return on equity, a regulatory review may be triggered. In such cases, a distributor whose earnings are in excess of the dead band is expected to either refrain from seeking an adjustment to its base rates as part of its Price Cap IR application or provide justification for why an adjustment is warranted. Whether a distributor seeks the inflationary adjustment or not, it is not precluded from applying for other Price Cap IR elements, such as the disposition of deferral and variance account balances and the tax rate sharing mechanism.

In its application, Hydro Hawkesbury submitted that it over-earned by 754 basis points in 2019, and requested to forego its 2021 inflationary adjustment to base rates. ⁷ On November 23, 2020, Hydro Hawkesbury filed a letter confirming to the OEB that it has opted to forego an increase to its 2021 distribution rates.⁸

⁵ Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)

⁶ OEB Letter, 2021 Inflation Parameters, issued November 9, 2020

⁷ Application, page 8

⁸ Letter re: 2021 Inflation factor election, filed November 23, 2020

Findings

The OEB approves Hydro Hawkesbury's request to forego an increase to its base rates. It is appropriate to forego a Price Cap adjustment in light of the continued uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, and its impact on customers. In addition, as Hydro Hawkesbury has indicated in its application, it significantly over-earned in 2019.

5 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. With regard to IRM applications, the OEB has long held that the impact of such legislated tax changes be shared 50/50 between shareholders and ratepayers. The shared tax change amount, whether in the form of a credit or a debit, will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from the distributor's last cost of service proceeding.

On July 25, 2019, the OEB issued a letter⁹ providing accounting guidance with respect to recent changes in capital cost allowance (CCA) rules. The guidance provides that impacts from changes in CCA rules will not be assessed in IRM applications, and that any request for disposition of amounts related to CCA changes is to be deferred to the distributor's next cost-base rate application. A distributor's request for disposition of shared tax adjustment amounts in an IRM application should, therefore, be comprised only of impacts for tax changes unrelated to CCA (such as changes in corporate income tax rates).

The application identifies a total tax decrease of \$2,240, as amended throughout the course of this proceeding, resulting in a shared credit amount of \$1,120 to be refunded to ratepayers.

This allocated tax sharing amount does not produce a rate rider to the fourth decimal place, in one or more rate classes. In such situations, where the Rate Generator Model does not compute rate riders, distributors typically are required to transfer the entire OEB-approved tax sharing amount into the Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances Control Account (Account 1595) for disposition at a later date.

Findings

The OEB approves the tax refund of \$1,120.

The allocated tax sharing credit amount of \$1,120 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB therefore directs Hydro Hawkesbury to record the OEB-approved tax sharing credit amount of \$1,120 into Account 1595 "Sub-account Principal Balances Approved for Disposition in 2021".

⁹ OEB Accounting Direction Regarding Bill C-97 and Other Changes in Regulatory or Legislated Tax Rules for Capital Cost Allowance, July 25, 2019.

6 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 is OEB-approved.

Hydro Hawkesbury 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 6.1 and Table 6.2.

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

Table 6.1: UTRs¹⁰

Table 6.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs¹¹

Sub-Transmission Host RTSRs (2020)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$3.3980
Connection Service Rates	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.8045
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.0194

¹⁰ EB-2020-0180, Decision and Order, July 31, 2020

¹¹ EB-2019-0043, Decision and Order, December 17, 2019

Findings

Hydro Hawkesbury's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. Hydro Hawkesbury'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 Hydro Hawkesbury will charge its customers.

The differences resulting from the approval of final 2020 UTRs, as well as from the approval of new 2021 UTRs and new 2021 RTSRs for Host Distributors will be captured in Accounts RSVA – Retail Transmission Network Charge 1584 and Retail Transmission Connection Charge 1586.

7 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.¹² 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 justifies why balances should not be disposed.¹³ If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2019 actual year-end total balance for Hydro Hawkesbury's Group 1 accounts, as revised throughout this proceeding, totals a credit of \$345,573¹⁴, including interest projected to December 31, 2020, which represented a total credit claim of \$0.002 per kWh. This Group 1 account balance includes cumulative transactions from 2018 to 2019. As the total credit claim exceeds the disposition threshold, Hydro Hawkesbury proposed the disposition of this credit amount over a one-year period.

a) Global Adjustment Variance Account

One of the components of the commodity costs billed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), which is included in Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA).¹⁵

Different customer groups pay the GA in different ways:

- For Regulated Price Plan (RPP) customers, the GA is incorporated into the standard commodity rates customers pay. Therefore, there is no separate variance account for the GA.
- "Class A" customers are allocated GA costs based on the percentage their demand contributes to the top five Ontario system peaks. As distributors settle with Class A customers based on actual GA costs, there is no resulting variance.

¹² 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.
¹³ Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

¹⁴ IRM Rate Generator, filed December 7, 2020

¹⁵ The GA is established monthly by the IESO to reflect the difference between the wholesale market price for electricity and regulated rates for:

Ontario Power Generation's nuclear and hydroelectric generating stations

[•] payments for building or refurbishing infrastructure such as gas-fired and renewable facilities and other nuclear

[•] contracted rates paid to a number of generators across the province

[•] the cost of delivering conservation programs.

 "Class B" non-RPP customers are billed GA based on the electricity they consume in a month at the IESO published GA price. Distributors track any difference between the billed amounts and actual costs for these customers in the GA Variance Account for disposal, once audited.

Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances which are recorded in Group 1 accounts should be responsible for paying (or receiving credits) for their disposal. A customer's movement from one group to another should not prevent that customer from paying/receiving a debit/credit balance.

Hydro Hawkesbury proposes the refund of its GA variance account balance of \$36,155 as at December 31, 2019, including interest to December 31, 2020, in accordance with the following table.

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Refund
\$35,361 refunded from customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2018 to December 2019	per kWh rate rider
\$794 to a customer formerly in Class B during the period from January 2018 to June 2018 who was reclassified to Class A, and was then reclassified to Class B during the period from July 2019 to December 2019	12 equal installments ¹⁶

Table 7.1: Refund of GA Variance

As a result of the adjustments proposed by Hydro Hawkesbury to the Account 1589 balance in the 2017 year, the GA amounts previously allocated and disposed of on an interim basis differ from what they would have been, had the adjustment been made at that time. This includes disposition related to a transition customer. OEB staff has assessed that difference to be immaterial and recommends that no adjustment to the GA cost allocations is necessary.

b) Capacity Based Recovery Class B Sub-account

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes the Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) sub-account for Class B customers of a credit of \$6,421, relating to the IESO's wholesale energy market for the CBR program. Hydro Hawkesbury had a Class A customer during the period from July 2018 to June 2019, but the CBR Class B rate

¹⁶ 2021 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation"

riders calculated rounded to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more of the rate classes. In this event, the entire Account 1580 sub-account CBR Class B is added to the Account 1580 – Wholesale Market Service Charge control account to be disposed through the general purpose Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account.

c) Group 1 Accounts

The Group 1 accounts being sought for disposition (excluding GA) include the following flow through variance accounts: Low Voltage Charges, Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges, Retail Transmission Service Charges, and Commodity Power Charges. These Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$309,418, which results in a refund to customers. This balance combined with the balance for the GA account results in the total credit balance for Group 1 accounts of \$345,573.

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.¹⁷ Hydro Hawkesbury further submits that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.¹⁸

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.¹⁹ The OEB then issued accounting guidance²⁰ on the commodity accounts on February 21, 2019. In that 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 the 2020 IRM decision, the OEB accepted Hydro Hawkesbury's request to keep the disposition of its 2017 Group 1 balances interim, and approved the disposition of remaining 2018 Group 1 balances on an interim basis, excluding Accounts 1588 and 1589.²¹ As also expressed in that decision, the OEB expected that Hydro Hawkesbury review the accuracy of the Account 1588 balance in the context of the OEB's new accounting guidance, and report back on the findings of its analysis as part of its next IRM application.

¹⁷ Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016
 ¹⁸ Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

 ¹⁹ 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
 ²⁰ Accounting Procedures Handbook Update – Accounting Guidance Related to Commodity Pass-Through Accounts 1588 & 1589, February 21, 2019

²¹ EB-2019-0042, Decision and Rate Order, December 12, 2019, page 8

In this proceeding, Hydro Hawkesbury stated that it reviewed the 2017, 2018 and 2019 balances in the context of the new accounting guidance and determined that a series of adjustments were necessary relating to Accounts 1588 and 1589 in each of these years.²² Hydro Hawkesbury has recorded those adjustments and, accordingly, is seeking disposition of the December 31, 2019 Group 1 balances on a final basis in this proceeding.

In response to OEB staff questions, Hydro Hawkesbury conducted a further review of its process to determine its total non-RPP kWh volumes, which resulted in additional corrections to its evidence. Hydro Hawkesbury noted it did not adequately identify the volumes for Class A customers and retailers in the August and September 2019 settlement forms to the IESO.²³ As a result of under-reported volumes to the IESO for Class A and retailer customers, there were further reclassifications between RPP, Class A and Non-RPP Class B customers. Hydro Hawkesbury revised the principal adjustments for Accounts 1588 and 1589, however confirms that the consumption totals reported to the IESO for settlement purposes were correct.²⁴

Following a series of adjustments to its commodity accounts, Hydro Hawkesbury demonstrated that, for Account 1588, the updated balances were reasonable when compared to its cost of power purchases each year.²⁵ For Account 1589, Hydro Hawkesbury made further changes to the quantum of the 2017 to 2019 principal adjustments and reconciled these adjustments in its GA Analysis Workform.

Findings

The OEB appreciates the effort undertaken by Hydro Hawkesbury to confirm accuracy of its principal adjustments in Accounts 1588 and 1589 due to prior errors identified in its initial evidence. There were two substantive updates²⁶ to its evidence to determine the adjustments required to derive the updated balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589.

The OEB notes that Hydro Hawkesbury has provided explanations for the issues identified in response to OEB staff questions and has determined that its commodity balances are reasonable. The OEB further notes that Hydro Hawkesbury has confirmed its adoption of the OEB's accounting guidance and explained how that adoption has impacted past balances that have yet to be approved on a final basis.

²² See "EB-2020-0029 HHI 2021 - Impact of new methodology" spreadsheet filed November 6, 2020

²³ Response to Question 4 a)

²⁴ Response to Question 5 c) i)

²⁵ Response to Staff 4 a)

²⁶ Revised IRM Rate Generator Models filed on October 30, 2020 from the original evidence, and subsequently on December 7, 2020 in response to OEB staff questions

For the adjustments to the 2017 GA balance as a result of the updates, the OEB agrees with OEB staff's assessment that the difference is immaterial and therefore finds that no adjustment to the GA cost allocations related to the update is necessary.

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$345,573 as of December 31, 2019, including interest projected to December 31, 2020 for Group 1 accounts on a final basis. The OEB further approves, on a final basis, the disposition of the December 31, 2018 Account 1588 and 1589 balances that were previously not disposed. The OEB also finds that the December 31, 2017 Group 1 balances, as well as the December 31, 2018 Group 1 balances that were previously disposed on an interim basis shall be made final.

The following table identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	4,247	349	4,595
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(603)	(4)	(608)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(41,219)	(386)	(41,605)
Variance WMS - Sub- account CBR Class B	1580	(5,591)	(831)	(6,421)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	30,428	450	30,878
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(8,740)	(376)	(9,117)
RSVA - Power	1588	(275,793)	(11,347)	(287,140)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(35,587)	(567)	(36,155)
Totals for Group (excluding Acco		(297,272)	(12,146)	(309,418)
Totals for all Group	o 1 accounts	(332,859)	(12,714)	(345,573)

Table 7.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.²⁷ The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is, generally, the start of the rate year.

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through final rate riders and payments as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final riders and payments will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.²⁸

²⁷ Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

²⁸ 2021 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a GA Allocation, Tab 6.2 CBR B, Tab 6.2a CBR B_Allocation and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR

8 LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCE

A distributor's conservation and demand management (CDM) programs may result in reduced overall consumption. To address this, the OEB utilizes a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA), which captures a distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual savings and forecast conservation savings included in the last OEB-approved load forecast.²⁹ These differences are recorded by distributors at the rate class level.

Beginning on January 1, 2015, distributors delivered CDM programs to their customers through the Conservation First Framework (CFF). On March 20, 2019, the CFF was revoked.³⁰ Shortly thereafter, the OEB advised that electricity distributors would continue to have access to a lost revenue adjustment mechanism for conservation program activities undertaken under the CFF.³¹ The OEB provided direction to distributors seeking to claim program savings up to December 31, 2019 related to CFF programs or other programs they deliver.³²

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.

Hydro Hawkesbury applied to dispose of its LRAMVA credit balance of \$749. The balance consists of lost revenues in 2017 and 2018 from CDM programs delivered during the period from 2015 to 2018 and carrying charges. The actual conservation savings claimed by Hydro Hawkesbury under CFF were determined by the IESO.³³ For CDM programs delivered prior to 2018, the IESO provided LDCs with a Final Verified Results Report that summarized all annual CDM results. For CDM programs delivered in 2018 and until the end of the CFF in 2019, the IESO made monthly Participation and Cost Reports and detailed project level data available to LDCs.

Actual conservation savings in 2017 were compared against Hydro Hawkesbury's forecasted conservation savings of 4,305,223 kWh included in the load forecast, which

²⁹ 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

³⁰ On March 20, 2019 the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines issued separate Directives to the OEB and the IESO.

³¹ Ontario Energy Board letter dated June 20, 2019

³² Chapter 3 Filing Requirements, section 3.2.6.1

³³ 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.

was set out in its 2014 cost of service proceeding.³⁴ Actual conservation savings in 2018 were compared against Hydro Hawkesbury's forecasted conservation savings of 5,680,929 kWh included in the load forecast, which was set out in its 2018 cost of service proceeding.³⁵

Findings

The OEB finds that Hydro Hawkesbury'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 Hydro Hawkesbury's LRAMVA credit balance of \$749, as set out in Table 8.1 below.

Table 8.1 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	53,745	54,529	35	(749)

³⁴ EB-2013-0139, Decision and Order, January 30, 2014

³⁵ EB-2017-0048, Decision and Order, February 22, 2018

9 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 Hydro Hawkesbury's last cost of service decision, and to ensure that the 2020 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2019, are as reported by Hydro Hawkesbury 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.

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

Table 9.1: Regulatory Charges

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 10, 2020.³⁶

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on March 1, 2018.³⁷

³⁶ EB-2020-0276, Decision and Order, December 10, 2020

³⁷ EB-2017-0290, Decision and Order, March 1, 2018

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2021 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final and interim rates.

DATED at Toronto, Month Day, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Christine E. Long Registrar

Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2020-0029

DATED: [Date]

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2021

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously

approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Energy is generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60-Hertz, having nominal voltage of 120/240 Volts and up to 400 amps. There shall be only one delivery point to a dwelling. The Basic Connection for Residential consumers is defined as 100 amp 120/240 volt overhead service. A Residential building is supplied at one service voltage per land parcel. 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	\$	18.12
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040

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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This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously

approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW, and Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	16.01
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035

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 applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

I ransformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply

General Service 50 to 500 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 500 kW interval metered

General Service greater than 500 to 5,000 kW interval metered.

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 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	\$	104.55
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.1765
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5184
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until Dece Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	mber 31, 2021 \$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Accoun effective until December 31, 2021	nt (LRAMVA) (2021) - \$/kW	(0.1086)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until Dece	ember 31, 2021 \$/kW	(0.8637)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7465
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4154
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)

\$

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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/ documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. 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 customer)	\$	7.37
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0022)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0067
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035

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 privately owned roadway lighting controlled by photo cells. Consumption is based on calculated connected load times the required lighting hours. 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)	\$	1.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.0336
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8183
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kW	(0.1780)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kW	(0.7492)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0720
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2341

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.6280
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kW	(0.4147)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until December 31, 2021	\$/kW	(0.7875)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0715
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0941

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

10.00

\$

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Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses - applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

ALLOWANCES

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	20.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	40.00
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	\$	30.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	100.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	300.00
Other		
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$	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	\$	104.24
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	41.70
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.04
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.62
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.62)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.52
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.04
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)	\$	4.17
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)	\$	2.08

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	1.0509
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.041