

### FINAL RATE ORDER EB-2021-0009

### **BRANTFORD POWER INC.**

Application for electricity distribution rates and other charges beginning January 1, 2022

**BEFORE: Pankaj Sardana** 

**Presiding Commissioner** 

**Allison Duff** Commissioner

**Patrick Moran** Commissioner

November 25, 2021



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### 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is the Final Rate Order on an application filed by Brantford Power Inc. to change its electricity distribution rates as of January 1, 2022.

The OEB has reviewed Brantford Power's draft rate order, proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, and reply comments on its draft rate order and is satisfied that they accurately reflect the Decision and Order issued on October 28, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

As a result of this Final Rate Order, it is estimated that for a typical residential customer with monthly consumption of 750 kWh, the total bill will increase by \$3.21 per month, or 2.66%, before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0009, Decision and Order, October 28, 2021

### 2 PROCESS AND CONTEXT

On October 28, 2021, the OEB issued its Decision accepting the settlement proposal filed by Brantford Power and intervenors. In the Decision, the OEB directed Brantford Power to file a draft rate order reflecting updated 2022 cost of capital parameters and the most recent Regulated Price Plan Report as contemplated in the settlement proposal. The Decision allowed for comments on the draft rate order by OEB staff and intervenors and reply comments by Brantford Power.

On November 4, 2021, Brantford Power filed its draft rate order with proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.<sup>2</sup> On November 11, 2021, OEB staff filed its submission on the draft rate order and submitted that Brantford Power had accurately reflected the Decision. OEB staff requested an explanation from Brantford Power regarding a discrepancy in the number of customers entered for the General Service <50kW rate class in Appendix 2-ZB – Cost of Power.

Further, OEB staff submitted that if the OEB issued a Final Rate Order in this proceeding prior to a generic order such as energy retailer service charges or wireline pole attachment charges, Brantford Power would be required to apply those generic orders once available.

No submissions from intervenors were received on the draft rate order.

In its reply comments, Brantford Power agreed that there was a discrepancy in the number of General Service <50 kW customers entered in Appendix 2-ZB and provided revised calculations outlining the impact the correction would have on its revenue requirement. The impact of the correction would be a total incremental revenue requirement of \$0.37. Brantford Power stated that the correction would be immaterial, with no expected impact to rates. Brantford Power stated that it did not believe a revised filing should be required, as this may serve to unnecessarily expand the record and potentially cause inefficiency and opportunity for error.<sup>3</sup>

With respect to any applicable generic orders, Brantford Power agreed it would be required to apply them when issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Appendix A of draft rate order

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EB-2021-0009, Brantford\_ReplySUB\_StaffComments\_DRO\_20211116, November 16, 2021, Page 2

### 3 FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed the information provided in support of Brantford Power's draft rate order and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges effective January 1, 2022. The OEB finds that the draft rate order accurately reflects the Decision and agrees with Brantford Power that the minor discrepancy in the number of customers in Appendix 2-ZB does not impact rates. The OEB approves the Tariff of Rates and Charges in Schedule A effective January 1, 2022 which incorporates certain adjustments made by the OEB to the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Brantford Power.

As noted in the Decision, certain Service Charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. The settlement proposal updated the applicable energy retailer service charges in the Tariff of Rates and Charges by using the OEB's 2021 inflation rate as a placeholder.<sup>4</sup>

The generic order has now been issued in EB-2021-0301. The OEB has adjusted the energy retailer service charges in the approved Tariff of Rates and Charges included as Schedule A to this Final Rate Order, to reflect the impact of the EB-2021-0301 Decision and Order.

In addition, the OEB has made some minor changes to the wording and formatting of the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Brantford Power to ensure consistency with the tariff sheets of other Ontario electricity distributors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> With the exception of the pole attachment charge. As per the OEB's Order in EB-2020-0288, effective January 1, 2021, the province-wide pole attachment charge will remain \$44.50 per attacher per year per pole, on an interim basis.

### 4 ORDER

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A is effective January 1, 2022 and is to be implemented January 1, 2022. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2022. Brantford Power Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, November 25, 2021

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar

# SCHEDULE A TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES FINAL RATE ORDER BRANTFORD POWER INC. EB-2021-0009 NOVEMBER 25, 2021

### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2022

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

#### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge	\$	27.84
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	(0.05)
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022  Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Applicable only to Non-RPP customers  Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2022) -	\$/kWh	0.0001
effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
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

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Service Charge	\$	31.88
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0115
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022 Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Applicable only to Non-RPP customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022  Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2022) -	\$/kWh	0.0003
effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kWh	0.0010
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0092
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056
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 GREATER THAN 50 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. 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 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 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.

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.

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Service Charge	\$	245.54
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.4970
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022  Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market	\$/kW	0.1197
Participants - effective until December 31, 2022  Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(0.1949)
Applicable only to Non-RPP customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	0.2149
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0320)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1641
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8729

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# **Brantford Power Inc.**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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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### EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account of a electricity distributor licensed by the Ontario Energy Board that is provided electricity by a host distributor. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Service Charge	\$	529.06
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6913
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	0.1260
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	0.3035
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1641
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8729

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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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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.08
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	24.3626
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022 Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0731)
Applicable only to Non-RPP customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(1.6514)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9544
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7493
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.2027
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0775)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022 Applicable only to Non-RPP customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0190)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0440
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7290
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	9.25
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2022) - effective until December 31, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
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### STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation and requires the distributor to provide back-up service. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component - Approved on an Interim Basis

Standby Charge - for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the contracted amount

(e.g. nameplate rating of the generation facility).

\$/kW

1.8021

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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**

\$	15.00
\$	15.00
\$	15.00
\$	30.00
\$	30.00
%	1.50
%	19.56
\$	65.00
\$	185.00
\$	185.00
\$	415.00
\$	500.00
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Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer

(with the exception of wireless attachments) - Approved on an Interim Basis

Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year

Meter removal without authorization

300.00

44.50

60.00

\$

\$

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### RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	107.68
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	43.08
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.07
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.64
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.64)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.54
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.07
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)	\$	4.31
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)	\$	2.15

### 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	1.0290
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0188