

### **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2022-0052

## **NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC.**

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2023

**BEFORE:** Michael Janigan

**Presiding Commissioner** 

**December 8, 2022** 

#### 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. (Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective January 1, 2023.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$3.81 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

#### 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro filed its application on July 15, 2022 under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 and in accordance with Chapter 3 of the OEB's Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications (Filing Requirements). The application was based on the Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting (Price Cap IR) option, with a five-year term.

The Price Cap IR option is one of three incentive rate-setting mechanisms (IRM) approved by the OEB.<sup>1</sup> It involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year and mechanistic price cap adjustments which may be approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing adjustment years.

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. A distributor will then review, complete, and include the model with its application, and may update the model during the proceeding to make any necessary corrections or to incorporate new rate-setting parameters as they become available.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro serves approximately 9,700 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Notice of the application was issued on August 3, 2022. There were no intervenors. The OEB made no provision for cost awards in this proceeding.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model and as required during the proceeding, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro updated and clarified the evidence.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro responded to interrogatories from OEB staff. Final submissions on the application were filed by OEB staff and Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each of these options is explained in the OEB's <u>Handbook for Utility Rate Applications</u>.

#### 3. DECISION OUTLINE

Each of the following issues is addressed in this Decision, together with the OEB's findings.

- Annual Adjustment Mechanism
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 and 2 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account

Instructions for implementing Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's new rates and charges are set out in the final section of this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in prior proceedings, such as specific service charges<sup>2</sup> and loss factors, which are out of the scope of an IRM proceeding and for which no further approvals are required to continue to include them on the distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Certain service charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. For example, the Decision and Order EB-2022-0220, issued October 20, 2022, established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2023; and the Decision and Order EB-2022-0221, issued November 3, 2022, established the 2023 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2023.

#### 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has applied to change its rates, effective January 1, 2023, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved **inflation minus X-factor** formula applicable to IRM applications. The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>3</sup>

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.55% increase to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's rates: 3.55% = 3.70% - (0.00% + 0.15%).

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor4		3.55%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.15%

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

An inflation factor of 3.55% applies to all IRM applications for the 2023 rate year. The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that varies 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 IRM applications for the 2023 rate year. The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, ranging from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The adjustment does not apply to the following components of delivery rates: 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>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OEB Letter, 2023 Inflation Parameters, issued October 20, 2022

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2021 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., July 2022

benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The stretch factor assigned to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro is 0.15%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.55%.

#### **Findings**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's request for a 3.55% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2023.

#### 5. SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of an IRM term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. The impacts of such legislated tax changes are shared equally between shareholders and customers.<sup>7</sup> 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.

The application identifies a total tax decrease of \$13,838, resulting in a shared amount of \$6,919 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 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 sharing refund of \$6,919.

As the allocated tax sharing amount does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes, the OEB directs Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to record the credit amount of \$6,919 into Account 1595 - Sub-account Principal Balances Approved for Disposition in 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> On July 25, 2019, the OEB issued a <u>letter</u> providing accounting guidance with respect to changes in capital cost allowance (CCA) rules. The guidance provides that impacts from changes in CCA rules will not be assessed in IRM proceedings, and that any request for disposition of amounts related to CCA changes is to be deferred to the distributor's next cost of service rate proceeding. 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.

#### 6. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro is transmission connected.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro requests approval to adjust the retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) that it charges its customers in accordance with the Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) currently in effect.

#### **Findings**

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current OEB-approved UTRs.<sup>8</sup>

UTRs are typically approved annually by the OEB. In the event that new UTRs take effect during Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's 2023 rate year, any resulting differences (from the prior-approved UTRs) are to be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> EB-2022-0084, Decision and Order, April 7, 2022

#### 7. GROUP 1 AND 2 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

#### Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts (DVAs)

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 DVAs to determine whether those balances should be disposed. OEB policy states that Group 1 account balances should be disposed if they exceed, on a net basis a debit, a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor justifies why balances should not be disposed.<sup>9</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.<sup>10</sup>

The 2021 year-end net balance for Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2022, is a debit of \$282,557, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2021 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0013 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has requested the disposition of this amount over a one-year period.

Included in the Group 1 accounts are certain variances related to costs that are paid for by a distributor's customers on different bases, depending on their classification.

Namely, "Class A" customers, who participate in the Industrial Conservation Initiative, pay for Global Adjustment (GA) charges based on their contribution to the five highest Ontario demand peaks over a 12-month period. "Class B" customers pay for GA charges based on their monthly consumption totals, either as a standalone charge or embedded in the Regulated Price Plan (RPP). A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges. The balance in the GA variance account is attributable to non-RPP Class B customers and is disposed through a separate rate rider. The balance in the CBR Class B variance account is attributable to all Class B customers.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro had Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated so it has applied to have the balance of the CBR Class B variance account

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> OEB letter, "Update to the Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review ("EDDVAR Report"), released July 2009 (EB-2008-0046)", issued July 25, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s <u>website</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> All Class B customers (RPP and non-RPP) pay the CBR as a separate charge based on their monthly consumption. For additional details on the CBR for Class A customers, refer to the IESO's <u>website</u>.

disposed through a separate rate rider for Class B customers to ensure proper allocation between Class A and Class B customers.

During the period in which variances accumulated, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro had customers transition between Class A and Class B. Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances that are recorded in Group 1 accounts should be responsible for paying (or receiving credits) for their disposal. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has proposed to allocate a portion of the GA and CBR Class B balances to its transition customers, based on their customer-specific consumption levels.<sup>13</sup> The amounts allocated to each transition customer are proposed to be recovered (or refunded, as applicable), by way of 12 equal monthly installments.

#### Group 2 DVAs

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro is requesting the disposition of Account 1508 - Other Regulatory Asset, Sub-account Specified Customer Revenue Variance Account in the credit amount of \$50,845 over one year. The sub-account was established in Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's 2019 cost of service rate application to capture variances between actual distribution revenue and the forecasted distribution revenue for a specific Large Use customer. The reason for the sub-account is that the load forecast for the one customer in the Large Use Customer Class was uncertain in the 2019 cost of service proceeding, and the load was expected to be significant relative to the company's total load. In Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's 2019 cost of service settlement agreement, the parties agreed that it was appropriate that neither the distributor, nor customers, bear the benefit or burden of currently unknown variances in the Large Use customer's load, and that a variance account was appropriate. In addition, the parties agreed on the cost allocation and rate design methodologies for this variance account.

The variance in the sub-account is to be disposed of after the audited balance of the sub-account is available each year. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's balance in the variance account was last disposed of in its 2022 IRM rate application.<sup>14</sup>

The approved accounting order in the 2019 cost of service proceeding stated that "the rate rider will be determined by allocating the balance of the variance account across customer classes based on customer class revenue. Within each customer class, it will be allocated across customers based on kwh."<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>13 2023</sup> IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation" and Tab 6.2a "CBR B\_Allocation"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> EB-2021-0045, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro, Decision and Order, December 9, 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> EB-2018-0056, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's 2019 Cost of Service Decision and Order, Appendix I Draft Accounting Order for Specified Customer Revenue Variance Account.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has since lost the specific Large Use customer for whom this account was established. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro recently filed a stand-alone application the OEB to change this account into a generic revenue variance account that will track any load variance for the Large Use customer class because a new Large Use customer, with a potentially large load profile (between 20 to 80 MW), is expected to connect in 2022. The OEB has approved the modification to the existing Variance Account in the recently issued decision and order. The proposed disposition of Account 1508 in the credit amount of \$50,845 in this application represents the variance for the original Large Use customer in 2021.

OEB staff supported the disposition of the proposed 2021 balance in Account 1508 subaccount Specified Customer Revenue Variance Account because OEB staff noted no issues from the proposed balance in 2021.

In its reply submission, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro was in agreement with OEB staff's submission.

#### **Findings**

#### Group 1 DVAs

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$282,557 as of December 31, 2021, including interest projected to December 31, 2022, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis

Table 7.1 identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

Table 7.1: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(6,118)	(107)	(6,225)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> EB-2022-0158.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EB-2022-0158 Decision and Order issued on June 20, 2022.

RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	144,929	2,408	147,338
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(23,574)	(447)	(24,020)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	147,859	2,456	150,315
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(65,058)	(1,391)	(66,450)
RSVA - Power	1588	19,352	491	19,844
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	4,881	(202)	4,679
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2018)	1595	41,897	15,179	57,076
Total for Group 1 accor	unts	264,170	18,387	282,557

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*. <sup>18</sup> 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, charges, or payments, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final rate riders, charges, and payments, as applicable, will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.<sup>19</sup>

#### Group 2 DVAs

The OEB approves Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's proposed disposition of the 2021 balance in Account 1508 sub-account Specified Customer Revenue Variance Account in the credit amount of \$50,845.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> 2023 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

The OEB has historically utilized a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture a distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual and forecast conservation and demand management (CDM) savings included in its last OEB-approved load forecast. The use of the LRAMVA is no longer the default approach for CDM activities.<sup>20</sup>

Distributors delivered CDM programs to their customers through the Conservation First Framework (CFF) that began on January 1, 2015 until March 20, 2019, when the CFF was revoked.<sup>21</sup>

Distributors filing an application for 2023 rates are required to seek disposition of all outstanding LRAMVA balances related to program savings related to CFF programs or other conservation programs they delivered, unless they do not have complete information on eligible program savings.<sup>22</sup>

Distributors are also eligible under the LRAM for persisting impacts of conservation programs until their next rebasing. The OEB provided direction for distributors to seek approval of LRAM-eligible amounts for 2023 onwards on a prospective basis, and a rate rider in the corresponding rate year, to address amounts that would otherwise be recorded in the LRAMVA for all years until their next rebasing application.<sup>23</sup>

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro applied to dispose of its LRAMVA debit balance of \$47,069. The balance consists of lost revenues from 2020 to 2022 from CDM programs delivered during the period from 2017 to 2021 and carrying charges. The actual conservation savings claimed by Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro under the CFF were validated with reports from the IESO, project level savings files, or both.

Actual conservation savings were compared against Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's forecasted conservation savings included in its last OEB-approved load forecast.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors, December 20, 2021, chapter 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> On March 20, 2019 the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines issued separate Directives to the OEB and the IESO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Chapter 3 Filing Requirements, section 3.2.6.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> <u>Guidance on Prospective Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Amounts – 2023 Rates, June</u> 16, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> EB-2018-0056, Decision and Order, April 11, 2019

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro also applied for approval of LRAM-eligible amounts for the year 2023 on a prospective basis, arising from persisting savings from completed CDM programs. During the course of the proceeding, Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro updated its request to account for the mechanistic adjustment (inflation factor minus x-factor) to the 2023 amount, following the OEB's letter of October 20, 2022, establishing 2023 inflation parameters.

OEB staff supported Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's request to dispose of its December 31, 2022 LRAMVA on a final basis, and to approve the 2023 LRAM-eligible amount, including recovering this amount in 2023 rates. OEB staff also recommended that no further entries to the LRAMVA be permitted at this time, but that the LRAMVA not be discontinued, in the event that Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro requests the use of the LRAMVA for a CDM activity in a future application, which the OEB can consider on a case-by-case basis. In its reply submission, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro indicated that it is in agreement with the OEB staff submission on this issue.

Following Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's reply submission, OEB staff identified that it believed that the LRAMVA threshold used by Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro as the basis for disposition of the LRAMVA in the previous IRM proceeding<sup>25</sup> for Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro, and again in the current proceeding, was incorrect.

OEB staff indicated that the LRAMVA threshold that was approved in Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro's cost-of-service proceeding<sup>26</sup> was 6,017,317.53 kWh, and that this threshold (not the threshold of 3,770,853.78 kWh used by Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro) should be used as the basis for disposition of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's outstanding LRAMVA balances and determination of the 2023 LRAM-eligible amount.

In a reply letter, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro confirmed its agreement with OEB staff that the correct LRAMVA threshold that should be used in the current proceeding is 6,017,317.53 kWh. In addition to the threshold modification proposed by OEB staff, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro indicated that the threshold specific to the GS 50 – 4,999 kW rate class (which has the units of kW, not kWh) should also be adjusted in proportion to the change made by OEB staff to the kWh threshold. Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro updated its LRAMVA balances, 2023 LRAM-eligible amounts, and resulting rate riders in accordance with the updated thresholds.

The impacts of the change in LRAMVA threshold on are shown below in Table 8.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> EB-2020-0042

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> EB-2018-0056

Table 8.1 LRAMVA Balance for Disposition

Source Used for LRAMVA Threshold	2021 and 2022 LRAMVA Balance for Disposition	2023 LRAM- Eligible Amount for Prospective Disposition (2022 \$)
Application as Filed	\$47,069	\$14,766
OEB Staff Modified Threshold	\$30,365	\$6,792
Niagara-on-the Lake Hydro Modified Threshold	\$8,634	(\$548)

#### **Findings**

The OEB finds that Niagara-on-the-Lake 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 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's LRAMVA debit balance of \$8,634, as set out in Table 8.2 below.

Table 8.2 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	109,788	101,334	180	8,634

The balance in the LRAMVA is now zero, and no further entries to the LRAMVA are permitted at this time. The LRAMVA will not be discontinued, in the event that Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro requests the use of the LRAMVA for a CDM activity in a future application, which the OEB will consider on a case-by-case basis.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors, December 20, 2021, p. 28.

The OEB also approves the requested 2023 LRAM-eligible amount of a credit of \$567,<sup>28</sup> to be refunded to customers, and the associated rate riders.

 $<sup>^{28}</sup>$  (\$548) in 2022 dollars, multiplied by the 3.55% rate adjustment approved for Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro for the 2023 rate year.

#### 9. IMPLEMENTATION

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). The Rate Generator Model also incorporates the rates set out in Table 9.1.

**Table 9.1: 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 and WMS rates were set by the OEB on December 16, 2021 and July 12, 2022.<sup>29</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 Entity Charge was set by the OEB at \$0.42 on September 8, 2022.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> EB-2021-0300, Decision and Order, December 16, 2021 and EB-2021-0300, Supplemental Decision and Order, July 12, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

#### 10. ORDER

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.'s new final distribution rates shall be effective January 1, 2023, in accordance with the Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges are deemed draft until Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc, has complied with the subsequent procedural steps.
- 3. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. shall review the Tariff of Rates and Charges and shall file with the OEB, as applicable, a written confirmation of its completeness and accuracy, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, by **December 13, 2022.**
- 4. This Decision and Rate Order will be considered a final rate order if Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. does not provide a submission to the OEB that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 3.
- 5. If the OEB receives a submission from Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 3, the OEB will consider the submission prior to issuing a final rate order.
- 6. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

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**DATED** at Toronto, December 8, 2022

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE HYDRO INC. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2022-0052 DECEMBER 8, 2022

#### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2023

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies 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. 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.

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

Service Charge	\$	31.97
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0094
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
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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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Son dea Charge	\$	40.50
Service Charge	Ψ	43.56
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0129
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Prospective LRAM Disposition (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
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**

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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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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

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Service Charge	\$	311.31
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6057
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.1149
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.7056
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023  Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0489)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	(0.0124)
Rate Rider for Prospective LRAMVA Disposition (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.0385
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.7546
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	0.9575
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030

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#### LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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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 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	\$	4,080.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6057
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2023)		
- effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.0080
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.3279
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	(0.0064)
Rate Rider for Prospective LRAMVA Disposition (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	0.0028
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	5.8787
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	0.9428

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#### **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 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.

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

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	23.43
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0060
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013
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 applies to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established by an approved Ontario Energy Board process. 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)	\$	7.95
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.9144
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh \$/kW	0.0001 0.7017
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0446)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Large Use Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	(0.3973)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6196
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3077
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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#### STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account that has Load Displacement Generation or Load Displacement Storage that requires Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to provide back-up service. Standby Charges are to be applied to behind-the-meter generators that have a nameplate capacity greater than or equal to 500kW and are not IESO market participants or IESO program participants (FIT, MicroFIT, SOP etc.) which have their own metering and settlement conventions as per regulation and legislation. For the purpose of this rate classification the term "generator" shall include electricity storage devices used for the primary purpose of Load Displacement. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES

Standby Charges are based on applicable monthly General Service > 50kW to 4,999 kW or Large Use Distribution Volumetric Charges, depending on the rate classification of the generator host facility.

Distribution Charges on the generator host facility's load account will be determined by multiplying the peak hourly delivered load as measured by the load account meter in kW by applicable variable charges for the rate class. Standby Charges will be determined by multiplying the peak coincident combined kW delivered by both the distribution system and the generator, less the peak hourly delivered load in kW of the host customer facility as measured by the generator host load account meter.

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#### microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Indepedent 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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#### **ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.56)
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
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
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
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	190.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late payment - per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily)	%	1.50
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	95.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	320.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	610.00
Other		
Service call - customer-owned equipment - during regular hours	\$	30.00
Service call - customer-owned equipment - after regular hours	\$	320.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	Variable
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	Variable
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	Variable
Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachment	s)	
	\$	36.05

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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	\$	111.66
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	44.67
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.11
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.66
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.66)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.56
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.11
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)	\$	4.47
Notice of switch letter charge, per letter (unless the distributor has opted out of applying the charge as per the	<b>;</b>	
Ontario Energy Board's Decision and Order EB-2015-0304, issued on February 14, 2019)	\$	2.23

#### 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	1.0373
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0145
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0275
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5.000 kW	1.0045