

### **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2022-0070

### Westario Power Inc.

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

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Kevin Mancherjee

Director

**Operations Decision Support** 

### 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Westario Power Inc. (Westario Power) 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 \$4.81 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

### 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Westario Power filed its application on August 4, 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.

Westario Power serves approximately 24,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Township of Huron-Kinloss (Villages of Ripley and Lucknow), the Municipality of Kincardine (Kincardine Ward 1), the Municipality of South Bruce (Villages of Mildmay and Teeswater), the Town of Saugeen Shores (Towns of Port Elgin and Southampton), the Township of North Huron (Town of Wingham), the Municipality of Brockton (Town of Walkerton and Village of Elmwood), the Township of Hanover (Town of Hanover), the Town of Minto (Towns of Harriston and Palmerston, Village of Clifford) and the Township of West Grey (Village of Neustadt).

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

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

Instructions for implementing Westario Power'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 November 3, 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

Westario Power 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 IR adjustment formula applicable to Westario Power are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.40% increase to Westario Power's rates: **3.40% = 3.70% - (0.00% + 0.30%)**.

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		3.70%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.30%

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR/Annual IR Adjustment Formula

An inflation factor of 3.70% 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 benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The stretch factor assigned to Westario Power is 0.30%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.40 %.

<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., August 2022

### **Findings**

Westario Power's request for 3.40% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Westario Power's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2023.

### 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Westario Power is fully embedded within Hydro One Network Inc.'s distribution system.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Westario Power requests approval to adjust the retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) that it charges its customers in accordance with the 2022 host distributor RTSRs.

### **Findings**

Westario Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the 2022 OEB-approved host-RTSR.<sup>7</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EB-2021-0032, Decision and Order, December 14, 2021

#### 6. **GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS**

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts 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 (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.<sup>8</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.9

The 2021 year-end net balance for Westario Power's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2022, is a debit of \$2,334,732. and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2021 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0053 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Westario Power 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). 10 A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges. 11 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> OEB letter, "Update to the Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review ("EDDVAR Report"), released July 2009 (EB-2008-0246)", issued July 25, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</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 website.

### **Findings**

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 \$2,334,732 as of December 31, 2021, including interest projected to December 31, 2022, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

Table 6.1 identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

**Table 6.1: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances** 

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	1,149,136	9,290	1,158,426
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(12,765)	(54)	(12,819)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	388,585	1,556	390,141
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(38,198)	(51)	(38,249)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	228,598	1,696	230,294
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	145,264	959	146,223
RSVA - Power	1588	314,104	1,818	315,923
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	134,209	3,312	137,522
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2018)	1595	(99,693)	133,735	34,042
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2019)	1595	(283,052)	256,281	(26,771)
Total for Group 1 accounts		\$1,926,190	\$408,543	\$2,334,732

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>12</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>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</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

# 7. 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>14</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>15</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>16</sup>

Westario Power did not apply for disposition of any LRAMVA balance and confirmed that it will not be seeking future recovery of any balance in the LRAMVA.

### **Findings**

Although Westario Power indicated it will not be seeking future recovery of any balance in the LRAMVA, the account cannot be closed at this time. Westario Power has not filed a completed LRAMVA workform or confirmed that there is not a credit balance owing to customers. <sup>17</sup> As part of Westario Power's 2024 rate application, it must file a completed LRAMVA workform showing all LRAMVA balances from the last year amounts were approved by the OEB. The OEB will then be in a position to confirm final LRAMVA balances and set the LRAMVA balance to zero.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors, December 20, 2021, Chapter 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</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>16</sup> Chapter 3 Filing Requirements, section 3.2.6.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Response to Staff Question, refer to correspondence November 30, 2022

### 8. 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 8.1.

**Table 8.1: Regulatory Charges** 

Rate	per kWh
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0005
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	\$0.0004

Each of these rates is a component of the "Regulatory Charge" on a customer's bill, established annually by the OEB through a separate, generic order. The RRRP and WMS rates were set by the OEB on December 16, 2021 and July 12, 2022. 18

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>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</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>19</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

### 9. ORDER

### 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, 2023 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Westario 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, December 8, 2022

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER WESTARIO POWER INC. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2022-0070 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

EB-2022-0070

### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to customers residing in residential dwelling units taking energy at 600 volts or less, with energy generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60 Hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts. 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.

Service Charge	\$	31.30
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
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

### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2023

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, taking energy at 600 volts or less, requiring a connection with a connected load of less than 50 kW, and including Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering, whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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

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Service Charge	\$	30.40
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0135
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0028
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0018
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0078
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, requiring a connection with a connected load greater than 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW, 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. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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If included in the following listing of monthly rates and charges, the rate rider for the disposition of WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B is not applicable to wholesale market participants (WMP), customers that transitioned between Class A and Class B during the variance account accumulation period, or to customers that were in Class A for the entire period. Customers who transitioned are to be charged or refunded their share of the variance disposed through customer specific billing adjustments. This rate rider is to be consistently applied for the entire period to the sunset date of the rate rider. In addition, this rate rider is applicable to all new Class B customers.

If included in the following listing of monthly rates and charges, the rate rider for the disposition of Global Adjustment is only applicable to non-RPP Class B customers. It is not applicable to WMP, customers that transitioned between Class A and Class B during the variance account accumulation period, or to customers that were in Class A for the entire period. Customers who transitioned are to be charged or refunded their share of the variance disposed through customer specific billing adjustments. This rate rider is to be consistently applied for the entire period to the sunset date of the rate rider. In addition, this rate rider is applicable to all new non-RPP Class B customers.

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

Service Charge	\$	258.64
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.7296
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0438
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023  Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023  Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	0.6460
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	1.4053
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Class B Customers Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW \$/kW	(0.0397) 3.2803
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0287

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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 refers to an account taking electricity at 600 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 booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per customer)	\$	5.65
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0210
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0028
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.39
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	33.0736
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8245
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0476)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	1.8654
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4890
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6019
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 connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.3299
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8056
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023  Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0013
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023	\$/kW	1.8922
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2023) - effective until December 31, 2023		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0404)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4701
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5657
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Independent Electricity System Operator's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge \$ 10.00

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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 and energy	%	(1.00)

### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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### Customer Administration Arrears certificate

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
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late payment - per month		
(effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection charge - at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection charge - at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection charge - at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection charge - at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Other		
Service call - customer-owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year		
(with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	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.

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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		
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	1.0713
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0607