

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2023-0034

# KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2024

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Kevin Mancherjee

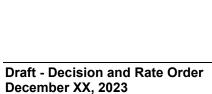
Director

**Operations Decision Support** 

# 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Kingston Hydro Corporation (Kingston Hydro) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective January 1, 2024.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$2.32 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.



## 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Kingston Hydro filed its application on August 17, 2023 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 processing 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.

Kingston Hydro serves approximately 28,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Kingston.

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

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

#### 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

Instructions for implementing Kingston 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-2023-0193, issued September 26, 2023 established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2024; and the Decision and Order EB-2023-0194, issued September 26, 2023, established the 2024 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2024.

# 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Kingston Hydro has applied to change its rates, effective January 1, 2024, 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 Kingston Hydro are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 4.65% increase to Kingston Hydro's rates: **4.65% =4.80 - (0.00% + 0.15%)**.

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		4.80%
	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
Less: X-factor	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.30%) <sup>6</sup>	0.15%

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

An inflation factor of 4.80% applies to all IRM applications for the 2024 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 2024 rate year. The stretch factor component of the X-factor is one of five stretch factor groupings established by the OEB, 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 Kingston Hydro is 0.15%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 4.65%.

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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 charges, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges other than the Wireline Pole Attachment charge, and the microFIT charge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OEB Letter, 2024 Inflation Parameters, issued June 29, 2023

<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: 2022 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., July 2023

# **Findings**

Kingston Hydro's request for a 4.65% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Kingston Hydro's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2024.



# 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

Kingston Hydro is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system. On September 28, 2023, the OEB announced preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) effective January 1, 2024.<sup>7</sup> The OEB also announced that an embedded distributor may update its RTSR with Hydro One's proposed host-RTSRs.<sup>8</sup>

Kingston Hydro updated its RTSRs based on the preliminary UTRs and Hydro One's proposed host-RTSRs. The OEB sets the UTRs based on the approved revenue requirements for multiple transmitters. Preliminary UTRs are based on those revenue requirements that have already been approved for 2024. These preliminary UTRs are to be used for the setting of RTSRs to minimize the accumulation of variances in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge). The cost consequences of any future adjustments to 2024 UTRs to reflect remaining approvals to a transmitter's revenue requirement will be tracked in these accounts and recovered over time.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Kingston Hydro requests approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers in accordance with the preliminary UTRs and proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.

## **Findings**

Kingston Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the preliminary UTRs<sup>9</sup> and proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.<sup>10</sup>

In the event that final UTRs and/or final host-RTSRs differ from the preliminary UTRs and/or proposed host-RTSRs, the resulting differences will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

<sup>9</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EB-2023-0222, OEB Letter "2024 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates, issued September 28, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid

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## 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 of.<sup>11</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.<sup>12</sup>

The 2022 year-end net balance for Kingston Hydro's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2023, is a debit of \$1,404,381 and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2022 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0021 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Kingston Hydro has requested 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, 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 of through a separate rate rider. The balance in the CBR Class B variance account is attributable to all Class B customers.

Kingston Hydro had one or more 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 of through a separate rate rider for Class B customers to ensure proper allocation between Class A and Class B customers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</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>13</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>14</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>.

#### **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 \$1,404,381 as of December 31, 2022, including interest projected to December 31, 2023, 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	(539,039)	(34,872)	(573,911)
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(81,049)	(4,963)	(86,013)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	1,458,276	94,434	1,552,710
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(64,966)	(4,494)	(69,461)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	852,670	51,869	904,539
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	173,265	10,307	183,572
RSVA - Power	1588	(98,872)	(2,089)	(100,961)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(391,181)	(25,028)	(416,209)
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2020)	1595	14,888	(4,774)	10,114
Total for Group 1 acco	unts	1,323,993	80,388	1,404,381

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>15</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 of 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 2024 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. 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 7.1.

**Table 7.1: Regulatory Charges** 

Rate	per kWh
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0007
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0041
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 8, 2022. <sup>17</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>18</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*, <sup>19</sup> the OEB indicated that it will review the default province-wide microFIT charge annually to ensure it continues to reflect actual costs in accordance with the established methodology. On December 8, 2022, the OEB issued a letter advising electricity distributors that the microFIT charge shall remain at \$4.55 for the duration of the 2023 calendar year. <sup>20</sup> Distributors that are subject to the province-wide microFIT charge will be required to follow any subsequent order that the OEB may issue for the 2024 calendar year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EB-2022-0269, Decision and Order, December 8, 2022

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy", March 31, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> OEB Letter, "Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification", issued December 8, 2022

# 8. 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, 2024 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Kingston Hydro Corporation 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 XX, 2023

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER KINGSTON HYDRO CORPORATION TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2023-0034 DECEMBER XX, 2023

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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 separate 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. All customers are single-phase. 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 changes, 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	\$	30.02
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0101
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0082
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak 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**

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Service Charge	\$	17.04
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0187
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0019
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0028
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective		
until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0074
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is 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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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.

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 changes, 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	\$	129.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.9353
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8058
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024  Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	0.8556
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	0.3089
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0583)

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Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.9893
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2215
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater 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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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.

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 changes, 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	\$	5,672.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7540
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9709
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	1.5775
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.8066
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.8816

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Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
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 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 Conditons of Service.

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Service Charge (per customer)	\$	7.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0148
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0029
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until		
December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0101
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0082
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
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 and requires Kingston Hydro Corporation to provide back-up service. Standby Charges are to be applied to behind-the-meter generators that are not IESO market participants, FIT program participants, net-metered generators or retail generators, which have their own metering and settlement conventions as per regulation and legislation. Further servicing details are available in the distributors's Conditions of Service.

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES**

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

In the case where utility grade metering is not installed on the generator, 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 are determined by multiplying the nameplate capacity of the behind the meter generator in KW by applicable Standby Power charges in each month.

This type of scenario is preferable for our customers if the generator is a "baseload" or "24-7-365" generator such as a fuel cell CHP unit or pressure-drop turbine unit. It may also be preferable to the customer where the cost of utility grade metering is high or the size of the generator is very small relative to the demand of the host load customer.

In the case where utility grade metering is installed on the generator, 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.

This type of scenario is preferable for customers who wish to use generators or electricity storage facilities to participate in provincial conservation initiatives such as the IESO's Demand Response or Industrial Conservation Initiatives, or reduce kWh consumption, but are not able to operate their generators "24-7-365".

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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 photo cells. 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.

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Service Charge (per light)	\$	1.68
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	19.2299
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5820
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	1.0345
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until		
December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0520)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8816
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3268
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0007
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 \$ 4.55

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#### **ALLOWANCES**

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

## SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration Arrears certificate	
Statement of account	
Request for other billing information	
Account history	

Statement of account	\$ 15.00
Request for other billing information	\$ 15.00
Account history	\$ 15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$ 15.00
Legal letter	\$ 15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$ 15.00
Special meter reads	\$ 30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$ 30.00

#### Non-Payment of Account

Late payment - per month		
(effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection 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

Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year	
(with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$ 37.78
Layout fees	\$ 200 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	\$	117.02
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	46.81
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.16
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.69
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.69)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.59
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.16
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)	\$	4.68
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)	\$	2.34

#### 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	1.0469
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0139
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0364
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0038