

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2023-0025

# **Grimsby Power Incorporated**

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

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: James Sidlofsky

Counsel

**Legal Services** 

# 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Grimsby Power Incorporated (Grimsby Power) 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 \$2.26 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

# 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Grimsby Power 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.

Grimsby Power serves approximately 12,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Grimsby.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model and as required during the proceeding, Grimsby 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
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing Grimsby 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-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

Grimsby Power 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 adjustment formula applicable to Grimsby Power are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 4.80% increase to Grimsby Power's rates: **4.80% = 4.80 - (0.00% + 0.00%)**.

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		4.80%
	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
Less: X-factor	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.00%

**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 Grimsby Power is 0.00%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 4.80%.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The adjustment does not apply to 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**

Grimsby Power's request for a 4.80% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Grimsby Power's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2024.

# 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> <sup>8</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 \$66,663 resulting in a shared amount of \$33,331 to be refunded to ratepayers.

# **Findings**

The OEB approves the tax sharing refund of \$33,331.

The amount shall be refunded through a fixed monthly rate rider for residential customers, and through riders calculated on a volumetric basis for all other customers over a one-year period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

<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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Chapter 3 Filing Requirements, section 3.2.8, notes that the Rate Generator Model reflects the change in the Small Business Deduction phase-out for 2024 rates.

# 6. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

Grimsby Power 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. The OEB also announced that an embedded distributor should update its RTSRs with Hydro One's proposed host-RTSRs. 10

Grimsby Power updated its RTSRs based on the preliminary UTRs (and more particularly, the preliminary Network Service Rate and Line Connection Service Rate, which are components of the UTRs), and Hydro One's updated 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.

In response to OEB Staff questions, Grimsby Power noted that it removed the 2024 Transformation Connection Service Rate under Uniform Transmission Rates in the amount of \$3.21/kW. Grimsby Power stated that its Niagara West Municipal Transmission Station (MTS) is a transmission asset, deemed a distribution asset. Grimsby Power noted that it is not charged for Transmission Connection (charge type 652) by the IESO.

## **Findings**

Grimsby Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the preliminary Network Service and Line Connection Rates of the preliminary UTRs<sup>11</sup> and proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.<sup>12</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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EB-2023-0222, OEB Letter "2024 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates, issued September 28, 2023 <sup>10</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> EB-2023-0222, OEB Letter "2024 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates, issued September 28, 2023 EB 2023-0030, Interrogatory Response # 4

Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

# 7. GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts to determine whether those balances should be disposed of. OEB policy states that Group 1 account balances should be disposed of 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>13</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition. <sup>14</sup>

The 2022 year-end net balance for Grimsby Power's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2023, is a debit of \$1,125,590, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2022 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0043 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Grimsby Power 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.

Grimsby Power 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.

During the period in which variances accumulated, Grimsby Power had one or more 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</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>15</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>16</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.

should be responsible for paying (or receiving credits) for their disposal. Grimsby Power 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>17</sup> The amounts allocated to each transition customer are proposed to be recovered (or refunded, as applicable), by way of 12 equal monthly installments.

# **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 \$1,125,590 as of December 31, 2022, including interest projected to December 31, 2023 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
LV Variance Account	1550	(128,948)	(6,398)	(135,346)
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(32,201)	(1,981)	(34,183)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	437,064	28,973	466,038
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(16,754)	(1,286)	(18,040)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	425,268	27,599	452,867
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	45,834	2,794	48,628
RSVA - Power	1588	200,351	13,438	213,789

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 2024 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation" and Tab 6.2a "CBR B\_Allocation"

RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	111,790	7,552	119,341
Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances (2020)	1595	550	11,945	12,496
Total for Group 1 accounts		1,042,954	82,636	1,125,590

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 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>19</sup>

<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> 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

# 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 9.1

**Table 9.1: Regulatory Charges** 

Rate	per kWh
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0014
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 7, 2023. <sup>20</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>21</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*, <sup>22</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 November 29, 2023, the OEB issued a letter advising electricity distributors that the microFIT charge shall remain at \$4.55 for the duration of the 2024 rate year (January 1 to December 31, 2024). <sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> EB-2023-0268, Decision and Order, December 7, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy", March 31, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> OEB Letter, "Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification", issued November 29, 2023

# 9. ORDER

# THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

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. Grimsby 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 14, 2023

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND ORDER / RATE ORDER Grimsby Power Incorporated TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2023-0025 DECEMBER 14, 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 class refers to the supply of electricity to residential customers residing in detached or semi-detached dwelling units, as defined in the local zoning by-law. Residential Service means a service which is less than 50 kW supplied to single-family dwelling units that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At Grimsby Power's discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. 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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The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of the Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by the Ontario Energy Board, which may be applicable to the administration of this schedule.

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

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

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

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

Service Charge	\$	32.69
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$	(0.16)
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0024
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0045
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	0.0098
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046
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	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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

This class pertains to non-residential customers taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or 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.

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

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

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

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

Service Charge	\$	28.68
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0230
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	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0047
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31,		
2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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

This classification applies to a non-residential account whose 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 16 in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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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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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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component		
Service Charge	\$	238.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.7005
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8751
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	0.9484
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	0.3648
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0250)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	(0.0196)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.6018
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.7674
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	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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# UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to electricity consumption that is not metered and is billed based on estimated usage. Such connections include street lighting equipment not owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario, traffic signals and other small services etc. 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.

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

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	16.34
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0102
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0017
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	0.0048
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31,		
2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041
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	0.0014

0.25

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# STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario shall be classified as Street Lighting Service. Consumption is as per the Ontario Energy Board's street lighting load shape. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### **APPLICATION**

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

Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable. In addition the charges in the MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component of this schedule do not apply to a customer that is an embedded wholesale market participant.

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

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

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.71
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.7897
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6421
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	1.7553
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0371)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	(0.2442)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6821
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2963
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	0.0014

0.25

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# EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. an electricity distributor licensed by the Ontario Energy Board, that is provided electricity by means of this distributor's facilities. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### **APPLICATION**

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

Service Charge	\$	18,837.99
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.6900
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	0.7427
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2024) - effective until December 31, 2024	\$/kW	(0.0159)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.7641
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7164

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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.

### **APPLICATION**

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

Servi	ice Charge	\$	4.55
AL	LOWANCES		
Trans	sformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Prima	ary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & energy	%	(1.00)

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# SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

#### **APPLICATION**

Customer Administration

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Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (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
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Interval meter interrogation	\$	20.00
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 - customer-owned equipment - 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 per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	37.78

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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

1.0398
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW

1.029402