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DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2023-0027

HEARST POWER DISTRIBUTION CO. LTD.

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

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Kevin Mancherjee**
Director
Operations Decision Support

March 21, 2024

1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (Hearst Power) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective May 1, 2024.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$1.81 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Hearst Power filed its application on November 21, 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.¹ 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.

Hearst Power serves approximately 2,700 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Hearst.

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

¹ 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
- Low Voltage Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing Hearst 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 charges² 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.

² 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

Hearst Power has applied to change its rates, effective May 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.³

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

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

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

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

³ 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, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

⁴ [OEB Letter, 2024 Inflation Parameters, issued June 29, 2023](#)

⁵ 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

⁶ 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

Hearst 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 Hearst Power's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2024.

5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

Hearst Power is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Hearst Power requests approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers in accordance with the UTRs and host distributor RTSRs currently in effect.

Findings

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

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the current OEB-approved UTRs and host-RTSRs.⁷

UTRs and host-RTSRs are typically approved annually by the OEB. In the event that the OEB updates the approved UTRs and host-RTSRs during Hearst Power's 2024 rate year, any resulting differences (from the prior-approved UTRs and host-RTSRs) will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

⁷ EB-2023-0222, Decision and Order, January 18, 2024 and EB-2023-0030, Partial Decision and Rate Order, December 14, 2023

6. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES

Hearst Power is partially embedded within Hydro One's distribution system.

Low voltage transactions, which are not part of the wholesale electricity market, are charged to a distributor by its host distributor. To recover the cost of its low voltage transactions, Hearst Power requests approval to adjust its Low Voltage Service Rates (LV Service Rates) that it charges its customers as part of this IRM application. The adjusted LV Service Rates are based on the current OEB-approved host distributor sub-transmission rates and the most recent demand data for low voltage transactions.

Findings

Hearst Power's proposed adjustment to its LV Service Rates is approved. The LV Service Rates have been updated based on the current OEB-approved host distributor's sub-transmission rates. In the event that the OEB updates the approved distributor sub-transmission rates during Hearst Power's 2024 rate year, any resulting differences are to be captured in Account 1550 LV Variance Account.

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.⁸ If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.⁹

The 2022 year-end net balance for Hearst Power's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to April 30, 2024, is a credit of \$105,603, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2022 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0014 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Hearst 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).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 of through a separate rate rider. The balance in the CBR Class B variance account is attributable to all Class B customers.

Hearst Power had no Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated so it has applied to have the balance of the CBR Class B account disposed of along with Account 1580 – Wholesale Market Service Charge through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider.

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

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

¹⁰ For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s [website](#).

¹¹ 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](#).

Account 1588

The 2.1% variance in Account 1588 exceeds the 1% threshold.¹² In its interrogatory response,¹³ Hearst Power explained that the 2.1% variance is due to a variance in the OEB-approved versus the actual line loss. The actual line loss should be 1.046, which is less than the approved line loss of 1.0598. Hearst Power identified this discrepancy through interrogatories and stated that the issue will persist until its next cost of service review, during which the utility will recalculate line losses and reduce the loss factor by 0.0138.

Hearst Power subsequently confirmed the accuracy of the split of the IESO Charge Type CT148 between the balances of Account 1588 and Account 1589.¹⁴ Hearst Power has also confirmed that the RPP portion of CT 148 is correctly captured in Account 4705.

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 credit balance of \$105,603 as of December 31, 2022, including interest projected to April 30, 2024, 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	185,262	11,205	196,467
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(8,835)	(611)	(9,446)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(16,628)	(1,904)	(18,532)

¹² EB-2023-0027, GA Analysis Workform, Tab Account 1588

¹³ EB-2023-0027, Response to Staff Questions, Staff Question 4

¹⁴ EB-2023-0027, Follow-Up Question, Staff Question 9

Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(282)	(33)	(315)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	8,903	1,269	10,171
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(15,819)	(350)	(16,170)
RSVA - Power	1588	(214,029)	(11,624)	(225,653)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(39,380)	(2,746)	(42,125)
Total for Group 1 accounts		(100,809)	(4,794)	(105,603)

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*.¹⁵ 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 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.¹⁶

¹⁵ Article 220, Account Descriptions, Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

¹⁶ 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 8.1.

Table 8.1: 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, 2023.¹⁷

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, 2022.¹⁸

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*,¹⁹ 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 (May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025).²⁰

¹⁷ EB-2023-0268, Decision and Order, December 7, 2023

¹⁸ EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

¹⁹ EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board “Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy”, March 31, 2011

²⁰ OEB Letter, “Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification”, issued November 29, 2023

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 May 1, 2024 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, March, 21, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

SCHEDULE A
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Hearst Power Distribution Co. Ltd.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2024

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

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts for customers residing in single dwelling units that consist of a detached house, semi detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, or individually metered apartment building. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility'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	\$	32.00
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0011)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0086
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	0.0014
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 peak demand is less than or expected 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	24.68
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0022
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0081
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065

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 1,499 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 1,500 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility'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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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 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 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.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	63.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.9866
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8428
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	(0.2484)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2769
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6343

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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	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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INTERMEDIATE USER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 1,500 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 utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	265.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.4829
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9940
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	(0.2248)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.6652
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1071

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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification is a sub-category of the street lighting load. These customers are billed on a fixed load based on the size of bulb. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the utility's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	13.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.8625
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6591
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	(0.1926)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4838
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0601

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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STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to roadway lighting within the town, and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers is 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 utility'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 (per connection)	\$	5.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.9258
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6456
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	(0.2357)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4714
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0180

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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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 utility's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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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	(0.45)
Primary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

APPLICATION

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No 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.

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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 at meter - during regular hours	\$	40.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours		time and materials

Other

Temporary service install and remove - overhead - no transformer		time and materials
Temporary service install and remove - underground - no transformer		time and materials
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	37.78

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RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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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.

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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	1.0598
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0494