

## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2023-0011

## **CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION**

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

**BEFORE:** David Sword

**Presiding Commissioner** 

Michael Janigan Commissioner

March 21, 2024

## 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (Chapleau Public Utilities) 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 \$1.03 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

#### 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Chapleau Public Utilities filed its application on October 11, 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.

Chapleau Public Utilities serves approximately 1,200 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Chapleau.

Notice of the application was issued on October 27, 2023. There were no intervenors.

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

Chapleau Public Utilities responded to interrogatories from OEB staff. Final submissions on the application were filed by OEB staff and Chapleau Public Utilities.

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

#### 3. DECISION OUTLINE

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

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

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

#### 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Chapleau Public Utilities 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.<sup>3</sup>

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to Chapleau Public Utilities are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 4.50% increase to Chapleau Public Utilities' rates: 4.50% = 4.80% - (0.00%) + 0.30%).

Components Amount 4.80% Inflation factor4 Productivity factor<sup>5</sup> 0.00% Less: X-factor 0.30% Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%)<sup>6</sup>

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 Xfactor 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The adjustment does not apply to the following components of delivery rates: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges (other than the Wireline Pole Attachment charge), and microFIT charge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OEB Letter, 2024 Inflation Parameters, issued October 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>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

#### 2022 Regulatory Return on Equity

The Filing Requirements state that a regulatory review may be triggered if a distributor's earnings are outside of a dead band of +/- 300 basis points from the OEB-approved Return on Equity (ROE).<sup>7</sup> A distributor whose earnings are in excess of the dead band is expected to refrain from seeking an adjustment to its base rates through a Price Cap IR or Annual IR index plan. If a distributor whose earnings are in excess of the dead band nevertheless applies for an increase to its base rates, the OEB expects it to substantiate its reasons for doing so.<sup>8</sup>

Chapleau Public Utilities' 2022 achieved ROE, as reported pursuant to the OEB's *Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements* (s.2.1.5.6 - Regulated Return on Equity) was 12.99%, or 4.01% (401 basis points) greater than its deemed ROE of 8.98% approved by the OEB in its 2019 cost of service proceeding.<sup>9</sup>

OEB staff's submission did not support the approval of the Price Cap adjustment because, based on the OEB's Filing Requirements, Chapleau Public Utilities would be expected to refrain from seeking a price cap adjustment in this application. However, OEB staff's submission invited Chapleau Public Utilities to demonstrate, in its reply submission, that the adjustments were one time in nature or out of the control of the utility.

Chapleau Public Utilities provided<sup>10</sup> the following main driver for the 2022 over-earning in its reply submission:

1. A temporary decrease in operations, maintenance and administration (OM&A) costs of \$40,251 due to the General Manager working on a part-time basis, instead of a full-time basis.

Excluding the impact of this main driver, Chapleau Public Utilities' 2022 achieved ROE is 7.59%, which is 1.39% below the deemed ROE of 8.98% that was approved in its 2019 cost of service proceeding.

Chapleau Public Utilities stated that the overearning is not expected to continue in 2023.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Chapter 3 Filing Requirements, section 3.2.9

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EB-2018-0087, Decision and Rate Order, June 6, 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Reply Submission, pages 4 - 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Reply Submission, page 6

#### **Findings**

The OEB notes the concerns raised by OEB staff as expressed in the staff submission.

However, upon review of the reply submission by Chapleau Public Utilities, the OEB is satisfied that adjustments made (in ROE, and underspending, etc) were one time in nature and due to circumstances beyond their control.

As such, the panel approves Chapleau Public Utilities' request for a price cap adjustment as filed.

### 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

Chapleau Public Utilities is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

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

#### **Findings**

Chapleau Public Utilities' proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the current OEB-approved UTRs and host-RTSRs. 12

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 Chapleau Public Utilities' 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).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 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 RATE

Chapleau Public Utilities 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, Chapleau Public Utilities requests approval to adjust the 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**

Chapleau Public Utilities' 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 host distributor sub-transmission rates during Chapleau Public Utilities' 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. <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 Chapleau Public Utilities' Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to April 30, 2024, is a debit of \$67,588, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2022 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0029 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. Chapleau Public Utilities 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). <sup>15</sup> A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges. <sup>16</sup> 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.

Chapleau Public Utilities 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.

<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-2008-0046)", 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 <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 \$67,588 as of December 31, 2022, including interest projected to April 30, 2024, for Group 1 accounts on 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	11,368	955	12,323
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(3,319)	(251)	(3,570)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	44,091	3,343	47,434
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(4,675)	(392)	(5,066)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	6,978	591	7,569
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(1,530)	(105)	(1,635)
RSVA - Power	1588	(1,607)	(101)	(1,708)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	11,108	1,132	12,240
Total for Group 1	accounts	62,415	5,173	67,588

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest 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>17</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 May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</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 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.<sup>19</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>20</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*,<sup>21</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 (May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025).<sup>22</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> EB-2023-0268, Decision and Order, December 7, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy", March 31, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</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:

- 1. Chapleau Public Utilities' new final distribution rates shall be effective May 1, 2024, in accordance with this Decision and Rate Order.
- 2. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out at Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is deemed draft until the following procedural steps have been complied with:
  - i. Chapleau Public Utilities shall review the Tariff of Rates and Charges and shall file with the OEB, as applicable, a written confirmation of its completeness and accuracy, or provide a detailed explanation of any inaccuracies or missing information, by March 28, 2024.
  - ii. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will be considered final if Chapleau Public Utilities does not provide a submission to the OEB that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2.i
  - iii. If the OEB receives a submission from Chapleau Public Utilities to the effect that inaccuracies were found or information was missing pursuant to item 2.i, the OEB will consider the submission and issue a final Rate Order.
- 3. Chapleau Public Utilities shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

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

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DATED at Toronto, March 21, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

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# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER CHAPLEAU PUBLIC UTILITIES TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2023-0011 MARCH 21, 2024

#### 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 an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively by a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town-house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning. 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**

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR

Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers

Service Charge	\$	59.58	
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42	
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025  Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0027	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0023	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0095	
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016	
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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 average monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. 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.

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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	\$	40.36
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0303
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0027
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0024
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
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 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. 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.

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.

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

Service Charge	\$	222.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.7597
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7061
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0027
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	0.6919
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.5330
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6001

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

\$/kWh	0.0041
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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 un-metered. 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. 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	\$	19.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0265
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0025
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016

#### **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

#### Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2024

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#### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. 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	\$	12.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	21.9352
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5573
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025  Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0027
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	0.8015
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6778
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4737
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 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. 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	\$	1.54
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.1454
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5460
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2024) - effective until April 30, 2025	\$/kW	0.9017
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6645
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4640

#### **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 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	\$ 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
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 at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00

#### Other

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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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	1.0705
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0599