

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2024-0028

# MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2025

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Tina Li

Manager

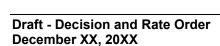
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# 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. (Milton Hydro) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective January 1, 2025.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill decrease of \$2.32, or 1.68% for a residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.



# 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Milton Hydro filed its application on August 15, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with <u>Chapter 3 (Incentive Rate-Setting Applications)</u> of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate 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) used 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 then reviews, completes, and includes 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.

Milton Hydro serves approximately 43,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Milton.

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

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

# 3. DECISION OUTLINE

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

- Annual Adjustment Mechanism
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing Milton Hydro's new rates and charges are set out in the final section of this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in prior proceedings, such as specific service charges<sup>2</sup> and loss factors, which are out of the scope of an IRM proceeding and for which no further approvals are required to continue to include them on the distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Certain service charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. For example, the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0226, September 26, 2024, established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2025; and the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0227, issued September 26, 2024, established the 2025 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2025.

# 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Milton Hydro has applied to change its rates, effective January 1, 2025. The proposed rate change is 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 Milton Hydro are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 0.00% increase to Milton Hydro's rates: 3.60% = 3.60% - (0.00% + 0.00%).

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		3.60%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.00%

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

An inflation factor of 3.60% applies to all IRM applications for the 2025 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 2025 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 Milton Hydro is 0.00%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.60%.

<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, 2025 Inflation Parameters, issued June 20, 2024

<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: 2023 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 6, 2024

# **Findings**

Milton Hydro's request for a 3.60% rate increase is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Milton Hydro's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2025.



# 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

In Ontario, some distributors are connected directly to a licensed transmitter, while other may be embedded, or partially-embedded, within the distribution system of another licensed distributor. Milton Hydro is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s and Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.'s (respectively, Hydro One and Oakville Hydro) distribution systems.

On November 1, 2024 the OEB announced preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) effective January 1, 2025. The OEB also announced that an embedded distributor should update its RTSR with Hydro One Network Inc's proposed host-RTSRs.8

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 2025. 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 2025 UTRs to reflect remaining approvals to a transmitter's revenue requirement will be tracked in these accounts and recovered over time.

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

# **Findings**

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

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the preliminary UTRs, proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One, and current OEB-approved host-RTSRs for Oakville Hydro.9

If final UTRs and/or final host-RTSRs differ from the preliminary UTRs and/or proposed/current host-RTSRs, the resulting differences will be captured in Retail

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EB-2024-0244, OEB Letter "2025 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates", issued November 1, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EB-2023-0044, Decision and Rate Order, issued December 14, 2023

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



# 6. GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts (DVAs) 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 can justify why balances should not be disposed of. <sup>10</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition. <sup>11</sup>

The 2023 year-end net balance for Milton Hydro's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, is a debit of \$1,139,639, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2023 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0012 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold.

Milton Hydro has requested disposition of this amount over a one-year period.

Included in the Group 1 accounts are certain variances related to costs that are paid for by a distributor's customers on different bases, depending on their classification. "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.

Milton Hydro had one or more Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated, however, the CBR Class B rate riders calculated rounded to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more of the rate classes. When this occurs, the entire balance of the CBR Class B variance account is disposed of along with Account 1580 – Wholesale Market Service Charge through the general DVA rate riders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</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>12</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>13</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>.

During the period in which variances accumulated, Milton Hydro had one customer 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 should be responsible for paying the debits (or receiving credits) for the disposition. Milton Hydro has proposed to allocate a portion of the GA balance to the transition customer, based on its customer-specific consumption level. <sup>14</sup> The GA amounts allocated to the 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 \$1,139,639 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

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

Table 6.1: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name and Number			Interest Balance (\$) B	
LV Variance Account	1550	159,679	9,842	169,521
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(83,632)	(5,916)	(89,548)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(860,226)	(51,642)	(911,868)
RSVA WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	95,833	3,715	99,547
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	705,376	56,933	762,309
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	555,718	42,638	598,357
RSVA – Power	1588	(144,742)	(46,977)	(191,719)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation"

RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	611,673	91,367	703,040
Total for Group 1 accounts		1,039,678	99,962	1,139,639

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>15</sup> The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is generally the start of the rate year.

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed of through final rate riders, charges, or payments, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final rate riders, charges, and payments, as applicable, will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. 16

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a GA Allocation, Tab 6.2 CBR B, Tab 6.2a CBR B\_Allocation and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR

# 7. IMPLEMENTATION

This Decision and Order 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 following regulatory rates and charges set out in Table 7.1.

**Table 7.1: Regulatory Rates and Charges** 

Rates	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
Charges	(\$)
Smart Metering Entity Charge	0.42
microFIT Charge	5.00
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	0.25

Each of the 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>17</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on September 8, 2022.<sup>18</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*, <sup>19</sup> the OEB indicated that it will review the default province-wide microFIT charge annually to ensure it continues to reflect actual costs in accordance with the established methodology. On November 19, 2024, the OEB issued a letter advising electricity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EB-2023-0268, Decision and Order, December 7, 2023

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

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

distributors that the microFIT charge shall be \$5.00 for the duration of the 2025 rate year (January 1 to December 31, 2025).<sup>20</sup>

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  OEB Letter, "Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification", issued November 19, 2024

# 8. 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 1,2025 for electricity consumed or estimated to
have been consumed on and after such date. Milton Hydro Distribution 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, Month, Date, Year

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER MILTON HYDRO DISTRIBUTION INC. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2024-0028 MONTH XX, 20XX

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2025

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 the supply of electrical energy to detached, semi-detached and townhouse residential buildings as defined in local zoning bylaws. A residential service is a single-family unit used for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At Milton Hydro's discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

Where the residential dwelling comprises the entire electrical load of a farm, it is defined as a residential service. Where the residential dwelling does not comprise the entire electrical load of the farm:

- The service will be defined as a General Service if the occupant derives his/her principal livelihood from the working of the farm;
- The service will be defined as a Residential Service if the occupant does not derive his/her principal livelihood from the working of the farm;
- Where the residential farm dwelling is supplied by one separately metered service and the electrical loads in other buildings are supplied by a different separately metered service, then the former is defined as a Residential Service and the latter is defined as a General Service.

### **APPLICATION**

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

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

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

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

Service Charge	\$	36.17
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0003
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0116
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085
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 customer with an average peak demand below 50 kW over the past twelve months. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on the customer's proposed capacity. 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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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge	\$	22.24
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0234
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0076
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

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0.0014

0.25

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# GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 50 kW and less than 1,000 kW over the past twelve months. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on the customer's proposed capacity. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

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

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

Service Charge	\$	94.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.1272
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6345
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	(0.3645)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.5554
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.6832
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.4373
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 1,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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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.

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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.

Service Charge	\$	740.93
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8339
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6241
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.2500
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.6058
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3814
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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# LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a non-residential customer with an average peak demand equal to or greater than 5,000 kW, regardless of when the demand occurs, averaged over twelve months. For a new customer without prior billing history, the peak demand will be based on the customer's proposed capacity. 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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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.

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# MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge	\$	2,958.74
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0204
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6980
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.2384
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	4.9878
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.7814
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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# **UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to the supply of electricity to unmetered loads less than 50 kW including traffic signals and pedestrian X-walks signals/beacons, bus shelters, telephone booths, signs, Cable TV amplifiers and decorative lighting and tree lighting connected to Milton Hydro's distribution system, and similar small unmetered loads. 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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### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

\$	10.61
\$/kWh	0.0225
\$/kWh	0.0014
\$/kWh	0.0033
\$/kWh	0.0006
\$/kWh	0.0104
\$/kWh	0.0076
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# **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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# SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to all services supported to supply sentinel lighting equipment. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

### **APPLICATION**

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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	7.00
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	53.0971
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4358
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.1978
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1883
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3608
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 all services supplied to street lighting equipment owned by or operated for a municipality or the Province of Ontario. 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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\$	2.91
\$/kW	15.0303
\$/kW	0.4268
\$/kWh	0.0033
\$/kW	0.1822
\$/kW	3.1715
\$/kW	2.3122
\$/kWh	0.0041
\$/kWh	0.0004
\$/kWh	0.0014
\$	0.25
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# microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Indepedent 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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Service Charge		\$	5.00
ALLOWANCES			
Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month		\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & e	nergy	%	(1.00)

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# SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
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 for non payment of account - at meter during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection for non payment of account - at meter after regular hours	\$	185.00
Other		
Optional interval/TOU meter charge \$/month	\$	5.50
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	39.14
Clearance pole attachment charge \$/pole/year	\$	5.59

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# **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity.

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One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	121.23
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	48.50
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.20
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.71
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.71)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.61
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.20
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)	\$	4.85
Notice of switch letter charge, per letter (unless the distributor has opted out of applying the charge as per th	е	
Ontario Energy Board's Decision and Order EB-2015-0304, issued on February 14, 2019)	\$	2.42

# **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	1.0385
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0133
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0281
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0031