

# **RATE ORDER**

**EB-2024-0007**

**ALGOMA POWER INC.**

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other  
charges beginning January 1, 2025**

**BEFORE:**     **Allison Duff**  
                 Presiding Commissioner

**Fred Cass**  
Commissioner

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**December 10, 2024**

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# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a Rate Order on an application filed by Algoma Power Inc. (Algoma Power) to change its electricity distribution rates as of January 1, 2025.

The OEB has reviewed Algoma Power's draft rate order and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the comments and reply comments on the draft rate order. The OEB is satisfied that the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges accurately reflects the Partial Decision and Order issued on November 11, 2024.<sup>1</sup> The Group 1 deferral and variance account balances are disposed on an interim basis, pending the OEB's decision in this proceeding regarding Issue 6.2.

As a result of this Rate Order, it is estimated that for a typical residential customer with monthly consumption of 750 kWh, the total bill will decrease by \$2.72 per month, or 1.87%, before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2024-0007, Partial Decision and Order, November 19, 2024

## 2 PROCESS AND CONTEXT

On November 19, 2024, the OEB issued a Partial Decision accepting the settlement proposal filed by Algoma Power and intervenors on all issues except Issue 6.2.<sup>2</sup> In the Partial Decision, the OEB directed Algoma Power to file a draft rate order reflecting updated 2025 interim cost of capital parameters and the 2025 Uniform Transmission Rates. The Partial Decision allowed for comments on the draft rate order by OEB staff and intervenors and reply comments by Algoma Power.

On November 26, 2024, Algoma Power filed its draft rate order and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. On November 29, 2024, OEB staff filed its submission on the draft rate order and submitted that Algoma Power had accurately updated the cost of capital parameters and the Uniform Transmission Rates. In its submission, OEB staff noted that the resulting 2025 RRRP funding amount of \$18,545,649, shown in Table 1, was calculated correctly.

**Table 1: 2025 Adjusted RRRP Funding Requirement**

	<b>Allocated Base Revenue</b>
Residential R1(i)	\$ 22,482,502
Residential R1(ii)	
Residential R2	\$ 7,474,952
Total	\$ 29,957,453
Total Revenue Requirement from RRRP Classes	\$ 29,957,453
Less: Revenue From RRRP Reduced Rates	\$ 10,248,676
<b>Proposed 2025 Annual RRRP Funding- 2025 Test Year</b>	<b>\$ 19,708,777</b>
2025 ACM True Up Disposition to RRRP (One time adjustment)	-\$ 1,163,128
<b>Adjusted 2025 RRRP Funding</b>	<b>\$ 18,545,649</b>

OEB staff also submitted that the Group 1 deferral and variance account balances should be disposed on an interim basis since the OEB has not rendered its decision on Issue 6.2.

School Energy Coalition agreed with OEB staff's submission.

On December 5, 2024 Algoma Power filed a letter confirming that Group 1 DVA balances should be made interim.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* p.5 Issues 6.2 was excluded from settlement and the OEB found that a decision on this issue will be issued separately.

### 3 FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed the information provided in support of Algoma Power's draft rate order and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges effective January 1, 2025. The OEB finds that these documents accurately reflect the Partial Decision and Order issued on November 11, 2024.<sup>3</sup> The Group 1 deferral and variance account balances are disposed on an interim basis pending the OEB's decision regarding Issue 6.2.

The OEB approves the 2025 RRRP funding amount of \$18,545,649.

The OEB approved Tariff of Rates and Charges in Schedule A is effective January 1, 2025. Compared to the proposed Tariff that was filed by Algoma Power, the OEB updated the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge in the Tariff of Rates and Charges based on the OEB's Decision and Order for the Wholesale Market Services rate and the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge, issued December 10, 2024.<sup>4</sup> The OEB also made some minor changes to the formatting to ensure consistency with the tariff sheets of other Ontario electricity distributors.

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<sup>3</sup> EB-2024-0007, Partial Decision and Order, November 19, 2024

<sup>4</sup> EB-2024-0282, Decision and Order: In the matter of regulatory charges effective January 1, 2025, for the Wholesale market Services rate and the Rural and Remote Electricity Rate Protection charge, December 10, 2024

## 4 ORDER

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A is effective January 1, 2025 and is to be implemented January 1, 2025. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2025. Algoma Power Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 10, 2024

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar

**SCHEDULE A**  
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## RESIDENTIAL R1 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

For the purposes of rates and charges, a residential service is defined in two ways:

- i) a dwelling occupied as a residence continuously for at least eight months of the year and, where the residential premises is located on a farm, includes other farm premises associated with the residential electricity meter, and
- ii) consumers who are treated as residential-rate class customers under Ontario Regulation 445/07 (Reclassifying Certain Classes of Consumers as Residential-Rate Class Customers: Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998) made under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

This application refers to a Residential service with a demand of less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kilowatts, and which is billed on an energy basis. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Condition of Service.

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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 - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (i) above	\$	67.36
Service Charge - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (ii) above	\$	30.21
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Rate Rider for Disposition of Interim Licence Deferral Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for customers in the Township of Dubreuilville	\$	(6.70)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Accounts 1575 and 1576 (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$	0.30
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$	(1.65)
Distribution Volumetric Rate - Applicable only to customers that meet criteria (ii) above	\$/kWh	0.0425
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers (2025)	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0007)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0085



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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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## RESIDENTIAL R2 SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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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

Service Charge	\$	777.31
Rate Rider for Refund of Interim Licence Deferral Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - Applicable only for customers in the Township of Dubreuilville	\$	(6.70)
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.0276
Rate Rider for Disposition of Accounts 1575 and 1576 (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.1380
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(1.3160)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers (2025)	\$/kW	0.1932
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - on an interim basis	\$/kW	(0.4305)

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Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.4756
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2406

**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
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## SEASONAL CUSTOMERS SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes all services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic purposes, which are occupied on a seasonal/intermittent basis. A service is defined as Seasonal if occupancy is for a period of less than eight months of the year. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	99.05
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Rate Rider for Disposition of Accounts 1575 and 1576 (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$	0.05
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$	(3.7994)
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0459
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers (2025)	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0014)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
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	0.0015
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. The consumption for these unmetered accounts will be based on the calculated connection load times the calculated hours of use established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per device)	\$	2.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.3618
Rate Rider for Disposition of Accounts 1575 and 1576 (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Group 2 Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0161)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers (2025)	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral /Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 - on an interim basis	\$/kWh	(0.0025)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2408
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3377

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
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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	\$	5.00
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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)

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## **SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES**

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### **Customer Administration**

Arrears certificate (credit reference)	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	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
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

### **Non-Payment of Account**

Late payment - per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00

### **Other**

Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	39.14
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00

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## RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by Algoma Power Inc. to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity and are defined in the 2006 Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook.

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 the 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	1.0873
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer	1.0765