

## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2024-0014

## COOPERATIVE HYDRO EMBRUN INC.

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

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Lawren Murray

Counsel

Legal Services

#### 1. OVERVIEW

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

As a result of this Decision and Rate Order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$1.69 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

Cooperative Hydro Embrun filed its application on August 14, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with Chapter 3 (Incentive Rate-Setting Applications) 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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun serves approximately 2,500 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Embrun.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model and, as required during the proceeding, Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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 and Rate Order, together with the OEB's findings.

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

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

This Decision and Rate Order 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

Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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.<sup>3</sup>

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to Cooperative Hydro Embrun are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.60% increase to Cooperative Hydro Embrun'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 X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that varies among different groupings of distributors. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors with a tangible incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income. The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all IRM applications for the 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

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<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>&</sup>lt;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

against other distributors in Ontario. The stretch factor assigned to Cooperative Hydro Embrun is 0.00%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.60%.

### **Findings**

Cooperative Hydro Embrun'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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun'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 others may be embedded, or partially-embedded, within the distribution system of another licensed distributor. Cooperative Hydro Embrun is fully embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

On August 30, 2024, Hydro One filed its 2025 distribution Custom IR update application with proposed new Sub-Transmission (ST) rates. By letter, dated November 1, 2024, the OEB said that distributors with January 1 rates affected by Hydro One's host-RTSRs should update their 2025 rate applications with Hydro One's proposed ST RTSRs. The OEB also stated that distributors with January 1 rates should update their 2025 rate applications to reflect preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs). Accordingly, Cooperative Hydro Embrun updated its RTSRs based on Hydro One's proposed host-RTSRs and UTRs based on preliminary UTRs.

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

#### **Findings**

Cooperative Hydro Embrun's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the preliminary UTRs and proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.<sup>7</sup>

If final UTRs and host-RTSRs differ from the preliminary UTRs and proposed host-RTSRs, the resulting differences 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>7</sup> EB-2024-0244, OEB Letter "2025 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates", issued November 1, 2024

#### **6. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES**

Cooperative Hydro Embrun is fully 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, Cooperative Hydro Embrun requests approval to adjust its Low Voltage Service Rates that it charges its customers as part of this IRM application. The adjusted Low Voltage 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**

Cooperative Hydro Embrun's proposed adjustment to its Low Voltage Service Rates is approved. These 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 Cooperative Hydro Embrun's 2025 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 can justify why balances should not be disposed of.<sup>8</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.<sup>9</sup>

The 2023 year-end net balance for Cooperative Hydro Embrun's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, is a debit of \$35,393, 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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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.

Cooperative Hydro Embrun did not have any 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>8</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</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>10</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>11</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 \$35,393 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to December 31, 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 and Number		Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	(2,209)	(244)	(2,453)
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(5,390)	(400)	(5,790)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(21,642)	(1,598)	(23,240)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(345)	(38)	(383)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	41,902	3,063	44,965
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	46,899	3,496	50,395
RSVA – Power	1588	(41,346)	(4,276)	(45,622)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	15,682	1,839	17,521
Total for Group 1 accounts		33,551	1,842	35,393

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>12</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.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</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

#### 8. IMPLEMENTATION

This Decision and Rate 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 8.1.

**Table 8.1: Regulatory Rates and Charges** 

Rates	per kWh (\$)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	0.0015
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	10.00
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 10, 2024.<sup>14</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>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> EB-2024-0282, Decision and Order, December 10, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

## 9. ORDER

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2025 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Cooperative Hydro Embrun 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 12, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2024-0014 DECEMBER 12, 2024

#### 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 applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separate metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. All customers are single-phase. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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

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Service Charge	\$	36.87
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0042
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0042
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0005
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0119
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
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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#### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non-residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by Ontario Energy Board, or as specified herein.

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Service Charge	\$	22.00
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0184
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0042
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
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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#### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification applies to a non-residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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.

Service Charge	\$	198.94
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.2280
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3678
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0042
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.2662
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.3545
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1932

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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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#### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/ documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. 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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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.

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

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

Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)

Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	13.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0089
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0008
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041

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#### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting, 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. 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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Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	21.0943
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.0573
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0042
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.2809
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2843
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4684
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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#### microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Independent Electricity System Operator's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

The application of these rates and charges shall be in accordance with the Licence of the Distributor and any Code or Order of Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by 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 Ontario Energy Board, and amendments thereto as approved by Ontario Energy Board, or as specified herein.

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

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

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

Service Charge \$ 10.00

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#### **ALLOWANCES**

**Customer Administration** Arrears certificate

Approved on an Interim Basis

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

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Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	25.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	15.00
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	\$	25.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	50.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - after hours	\$	415.00
Other		
Special meter reads	\$	20.00
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - installation and removal - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - installation and removal - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00

Temporary service - installation and removal - overhead - with transformer

Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) -

1,000.00

39.14

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#### RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Unless specifically noted, this schedule does not contain any charges for the electricity commodity, be it under the Regulated Price Plan, a contract with a retailer or the wholesale market price, as applicable.

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.

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	\$	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)	\$	2.34

#### 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	1.0835
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0835