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FINAL RATE ORDER

EB-2024-0030

HYDRO 2000 INC.

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

BEFORE: David Sword Presiding Commissioner

April 24, 2025

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1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is the Final Rate Order on an application filed by Hydro 2000 Inc. (Hydro 2000), under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to change its electricity distribution rates as of May 1, 2025.

The OEB has reviewed Hydro 2000's revised draft rate order, and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that they accurately reflect the Decision and Order issued on March 27, 2025. The OEB approves the Tariff of Rates and Charges in Schedule A.

As a result of this Final Rate Order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$10.71 (7.32%) for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

2 CONTEXT AND PROCESS

The OEB issued its Decision and Order on Hydro 2000's 2025 Cost of Service application on March 27, 2025. In the Decision and Order, the OEB asked Hydro 2000 to update its draft rate order, incorporating the final 2025 cost of capital parameters¹, for the OEB's approval. The Decision and Order allowed for comments on the draft rate order by OEB staff and intervenors and reply comments by Hydro 2000.

On April 7, 2025, Hydro 2000 filed its draft rate order and proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges.

On April 14, 2025, OEB staff filed its submission and submitted that Hydro 2000 should file an updated DVA continuity schedule and Tariff schedule and Bill Impact Model. No submissions from VECC were received on the draft rate order.

In its reply submission filed on April 15, 2025, Hydro 2000 filed a revised draft rate order, incorporating the revisions highlighted in OEB staff's submission.

¹ The final 2025 cost of capital parameters were issued in a separate proceeding: EB-2024-0063, Decision and Order, March 27, 2025

3 FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges and finds that it accurately reflects the Decision and Order issued on March 27, 2025, updated to incorporate the final 2025 cost of capital parameters.

The OEB approves the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges in Schedule A, effective May 1, 2025.

VECC is eligible to apply for cost awards in this proceeding. The OEB has made provisions in this Final Rate Order for VECC to file their cost claims.

4 ORDER

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

- The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A is effective May 1, 2025, and is to be implemented by May 1, 2025. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2025. Hydro 2000 Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate change no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.
- 2. VECC shall submit its cost claim to the OEB and forward a copy to Hydro 2000 Inc. by **May 1, 2025.**
- 3. Hydro 2000 Inc. shall file with the OEB and forward to VECC any objections to the claimed costs by **May 8, 2025.**
- 4. VECC shall file with the OEB and forward to Hydro 2000 Inc. its responses to any objection to its cost claim by **May 15, 2025.**
- 5. Hydro 2000 Inc. shall pay the OEB's costs incidental to this proceeding upon receipt of the OEB's invoice.

Please quote file number, **EB-2024-0030** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an</u> <u>account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the <u>File</u> <u>documents online page</u> of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Amber Goher at <u>amber.goher@oeb.ca</u> and OEB Counsel, Lawren Murray at <u>lawren.murray@oeb.ca</u>.

DATED at Toronto April 24, 2025

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar

SCHEDULE A

FINAL RATE ORDER

HYDRO 2000 INC.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

EB-2024-0030

APRIL 24, 2025

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2025

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously

approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively by residential customers residing in detached, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling 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.

APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	44.20
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$	1.32
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0111
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0024
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0083

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 refers to a non residential account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose average monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. This section shall include small apartment buildings, stacked townhouses, and smaller commercial, industrial and institutional developments. 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	\$	30.34	
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0132	
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0107	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0025	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0014	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0096	
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 refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. 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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Service Charge	\$	96.43
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0433
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	3.8561
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.9534
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.5273
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027		
- Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0018
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.9465
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1105

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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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STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. 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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.74
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.1350
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9812
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.6890
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.5330
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0018
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9761
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4048
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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 refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/ documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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)	\$	7.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0206
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0107
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0155
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 (2025) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0016
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0096
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

\$/kWh	0.0041
\$/kWh	0.0004
\$/kWh	0.0015
\$	0.25
	\$/kWh

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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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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 & energy	%	(1.00)

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SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

	Arrears certificate	\$	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)	\$	25.00	
	Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00	
	Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00	
	Legal letter charge	\$	15.00	
	Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	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	\$	25.00	
	Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	50.00	
	Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00	
	Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00	
Other				
	Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00	
	Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00	

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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
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$ 39.14

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RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	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 < 5,000 kW	1.0832
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0732