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DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2025-0017

NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective
May 1, 2026

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Ceiran Bishop**
Director
Critical Initiatives

Month XX, 20XX

1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is approving changes to the rates that Northern Ontario Wires Inc. (Northern Ontario Wires) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective May 1, 2026.

As a result of this Decision and Rate Order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$3.68 for a residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate but includes impacts resulting from the Distribution Rate Protection program. Northern Ontario Wires is one of seven electricity distributors in Ontario to which this tax-funded program applies. The program has been in effect since July 2017 and currently caps monthly distribution charges at \$42.88.¹

¹ EB-2025-0133, Decision and Order, June 17, 2025

2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Northern Ontario Wires filed its application on October 9, 2025 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.² 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. The 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.

Northern Ontario Wires serves approximately 6,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Cochrane, Town of Iroquois Falls, and Town of Kapuskasing.

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

² Each of these options is explained in the OEB's [Handbook for Utility Rate Applications](#).

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
- Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Low Voltage Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing Northern Ontario Wires' 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 charges³ 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.

³ 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-2025-0199, June 19, 2025, established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2026; and the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2025-0200, issued June 19, 2025, established the 2026 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2026.

4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Northern Ontario Wires has applied to change its rates, effective May 1, 2026. 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.⁴

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to Northern Ontario Wires are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.7% increase to Northern Ontario Wires' rates: $3.7\% = 3.70\% - (0.00\% + 0.00\%)$.

Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

Components		Amount
Inflation factor ⁵		3.70%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor ⁶	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) ⁷	0.00%

An inflation factor of 3.70% applies to all IRM applications for the 2026 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 2026 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ OEB Letter, 2026 Inflation Parameters, issued June 11, 2025

⁶ 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

⁷ Report to the Ontario Energy Board – “Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2024 Benchmarking Update”, prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 18, 2025

Findings

Northern Ontario Wires' request for a 3.70% rate increase is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Northern Ontario Wires' new rates shall be effective May 1, 2026.

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5. REVENUE-TO-COST RATIO ADJUSTMENTS

A revenue-to-cost ratio measures the relationship between the revenues that a distributor expects to receive from a class of customers and the level of costs allocated to that class. A distributor may implement an adjustment to its revenue-to-cost ratios during an IRM term, in accordance with OEB-established target ranges, if the adjustment was approved by the OEB in a previous cost of service or standalone proceeding.⁸

In this proceeding, Northern Ontario Wires proposed an increase to the revenue-to-cost ratio for the Street Lighting Service classification. The additional revenues from these adjustments would be used to reduce the revenue-to-cost ratios for the General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Service classification.

Table 5.1 outlines the revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments proposed by the applicant for the 2026 rate year.

Table 5.1: Proposed Revenue-to-Cost Ratio Adjustments

Rate Classification	Current 2025 Ratio (%)	Proposed 2026 Ratio (%)
Residential Service	101.46	101.46
General Service Less Than 50 kW Service	120.00	120.00
General Service 50 to 4,999 kW Service	84.27	83.28
Unmetered Scattered Load Service	103.35	103.35
Street Lighting Service	77.13	79.10

Rate Mitigation

Northern Ontario Wires notes that for the Street Lighting Service class, there is a total bill impact of 12.07%. According to the OEB's Filing Requirements,⁹ distributors are required to file a mitigation plan if total bill increases for any customer class exceed 10%. The total bill impact for this class is primarily the result of the removal of the Group 2 deferral and variance account (DVA) and lost revenue adjustment mechanism (LRAM) rate riders from the prior year, and the revenue-to-cost ratio adjustment required as per

⁸ Report of the OEB – “Application of Cost Allocation for Electricity Distributors.” EB-2007-0667, November 28, 2007; and Report of the Board – “Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy.” EB-2010-0219, March 31, 2011

⁹ Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications, June 19, 2025, p. 8

the decision and rate order in Northern Ontario Wires' last cost of service application.¹⁰ Northern Ontario Wires stated that removing the Group 2 DVA and LRAM rate riders would result in a bill impact of 4.5%, which includes the current mitigation from its 2025 cost of service¹¹ and smooths the impact of that application. As the total bill increase in this application is the result of expiring rate riders that provided credits to Street Lighting Service customers, Northern Ontario Wires indicated that mitigation for this IRM increase is not feasible.

OEB staff inquired whether Northern Ontario Wires considered any mitigation strategies prior to concluding that mitigation for the IRM increase was not possible for Street Lighting Service customers.¹² In its response, Northern Ontario Wires noted that it considered mitigation strategies. Specifically, the strategy of creating a separate DVA account to offset the excess impact greater than 10% for the Street Lighting Service class. However, Northern Ontario Wires deemed this to be unfeasible due to:

- The new DVA account needing to be requested and being deemed unlikely to be approved
- Materiality, as the impact into a DVA account would not result in material amounts and would not guarantee future recovery
- The administrative impact of carrying a new Group 2 DVA until its next cost of service would result in years delay to recover the balance and result in a potentially similar issue

Northern Ontario Wires further noted that the difference between a 12.07% and a 10% bill impact for the Street Lighting Service class over a twelve-month period would amount to \$3,071.04, which it considered not material enough to warrant mitigation through the use of a DVA account. Based on this, it determined that mitigation of the IRM increase was not feasible.

Findings

The OEB approves Northern Ontario Wires' revenue-to-cost ratio adjustments for the 2026 rate year in accordance with Table 5.1 above. The OEB finds that the proposed adjustments are consistent with the OEB's decision on Northern Ontario Wires' motion to review and vary the OEB's decision and rate order in its last cost of service

¹⁰ EB-2024-0046, Decision and Rate Order, March 18, 2025

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² Staff-5

application.¹³

In respect of the rate mitigation issue for the Street Lighting Service class, the OEB notes that a similar matter was addressed in Algoma Power Inc.'s (Algoma Power) 2019 rate application. In the instance of Algoma Power, the total bill increase for the Residential R2 class exceeded 10% due to the expiry of a significant credit rate rider. The OEB determined that mitigation was not required by Algoma Power as the increase was primarily driven by the cessation of a large credit rate rider.¹⁴ The OEB considers the situation of Northern Ontario Wires to be comparable to that of Algoma Power's and finds that no mitigation is required for the Street Lighting Service class as the total bill impact is driven primarily by the expiry of the Group 2 DVA and LRAM credit rate riders.

¹³ EB-2025-0160, Decision and Rate Order, May 13, 2025

¹⁴ EB-2018-0017, Decision and Rate Order, December 13, 2018, p. 13

6. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

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. Northern Ontario Wires is partially embedded within Hydro One Distribution Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Northern Ontario Wires requests approval to adjust the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) that it charges its customers in accordance with the Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs)¹⁵ and host distributor RTSRs¹⁶ currently in effect.

On March 31, 2025, the OEB issued a report on the design of a new Electric Vehicle Charging Rate (EVC Rate), *Electric Vehicle Charging Rate Overview – Final Report*. The EVC Rate reduces the RTSRs that participating electric vehicle charging stations pay. The report requires electricity distributors to begin offering the EVC Rate to eligible customers in 2026, once their OEB-approved 2026 distribution rates become effective.

Findings

Northern Ontario Wires' proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

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

UTRs and host-RTSRs are typically approved annually by the OEB. In the event that the OEB updates the approved UTRs and host-RTSRs during Northern Ontario Wires' 2026 rate year, any resulting differences (from the prior-approved UTRs and host-RTSRs) will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

In accordance with the OEB's March 31, 2025 report, Northern Ontario Wires will provide eligible electric vehicle charging station customers with the option to elect to be charged the RTSRs on the basis of the EVC Rate.

¹⁵ EB-2025-0232, Decision and Rate Order, January 15, 2026

¹⁶ EB-2025-0030, Rate Order, December 23, 2025

7. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES

Northern Ontario Wires is partially embedded within Hydro One's distribution system.

Low voltage transactions, which are not part of the wholesale electricity market, are charged to a distributor by its host distributor. To recover the cost of its low voltage transactions, Northern Ontario Wires request 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 rates¹⁷ and the most recent demand data for low voltage transactions.

Findings

Northern Ontario Wires' proposed adjustments to its Low Voltage Service Rates are 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 Northern Ontario Wires' 2026 rate year, any resulting differences are to be captured in Account 1550 (LV Variance Account).

¹⁷ *Ibid*

8. GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 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.¹⁸ If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.¹⁹

The 2024 year-end net balance for Northern Ontario Wires' Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to April 30, 2026, is a debit of \$260,787, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2024 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0023 per kWh, which exceeds the pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh. Northern Ontario Wires 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. Customers pay different costs, 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 one-year 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).²⁰ A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges.²¹ 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.

Northern Ontario Wires had one or more Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated so it has applied to have the balance of the CBR Class B variance account disposed of through a separate rate rider for Class B customers to ensure proper allocation between Class A and Class B customers.

¹⁸ Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

¹⁹ OEB letter, "Update to the Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review ("EDDVAR Report"), released July 2009 (EB-2008-0046)", issued July 25, 2014

²⁰ For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s [website](#).

²¹ 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 [website](#).

During the period in which variances accumulated, Northern Ontario Wires had one or more customers 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 their disposal. Northern Ontario Wires has proposed to allocate a portion of the GA and CBR Class B balances to its transition customers, based on their customer-specific consumption levels.²² The amounts allocated to each transition customer are proposed to be recovered by way of 12 equal monthly installments charges.

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 \$260,787 as of December 31, 2024, including interest projected to April 30, 2026, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

Table 8.1 identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

Table 8.1: 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	85,974	5,141	91,116
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(4,630)	(293)	(4,923)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(45,202)	(2,453)	(47,655)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	36,465	1,710	38,176
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	123,106	7,263	130,368
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	34,109	2,178	36,287
RSVA – Power	1588	(74,530)	(4,198)	(78,728)

²² 2026 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a “GA Allocation” and Tab 6.2a “CBR B_Allocation”

RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	83,915	3,921	87,836
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2021)	1595	2,930	5,380	8,311
Total for Group 1 Accounts		242,138	18,649	260,787

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*.²³ The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is generally the start of the rate year.

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed of through final rate riders, charges, or payments, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final rate riders, charges, and payments, as applicable, will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027.²⁴

²³ Article 220, Account Descriptions, *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012

²⁴ 2026 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

9. 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 9.1.

Table 9.1: Regulatory Rates and Charges

Rates	per kWh (\$)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	0.0006
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	0.0006
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 and established separately by the OEB. The RRRP and WMS rates were set by the OEB on December 11, 2025.²⁵

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, 2022.²⁶

The Standard Supply Service Charge is a monthly fee set by the OEB that covers the administrative costs of an electricity distributor when a customer buys power directly from them under the RPP instead of a third-party energy retailer. This fixed charge is uniform across all utilities in the province and is in addition to the wholesale market

²⁵ EB-2025-0299, Decision and Order, December 11, 2025

²⁶ EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

service charge.

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*,²⁷ 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 27, 2025, the OEB issued a letter advising electricity distributors that the microFIT charge shall continue to be \$5.00 for the duration of the 2026 rate year (May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027).²⁸

²⁷ EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board “Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy”, March 31, 2011

²⁸ OEB Letter, “Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification”, issued November 27, 2025

10. 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 May 1, 2026 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Northern Ontario Wires Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.
2. In accordance with the OEB's March 31, 2025 report, *Electric Vehicle Charging Rate Overview – Final Report*, Northern Ontario Wires Inc. will, as of May 1, 2026, provide eligible customers with the option to elect to be charged Retail Transmission Service Rates on the basis of the Electric Vehicle Charging Rate, subject to the standard terms and conditions set out in Appendix A of the report.

DATED at Toronto, Month, Date, Year

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar

SCHEDULE A
DECISION AND RATE ORDER
NORTHERN ONTARIO WIRES INC.
TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

EB-2025-0017

Month XX, 20XX

Northern Ontario Wires Inc.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2026

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 in a separately 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 apartments building also qualify as residential customers. 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	\$	56.23
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0024
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0011
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0124
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

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	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0006
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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 monthly average peak 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 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	\$	42.76
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0239
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0023
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

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	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0006
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	236.16
Rate Rider for Mitigation (2026 Fixed) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$	(15.08)
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.6240
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.8532
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.4864
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.1767
Rate Rider for Mitigation (2026 Variable) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	(0.1417)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.6837
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - EV CHARGING	\$/kW	0.7962
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6341
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - EV CHARGING	\$/kW	0.2778

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	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0006
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.

APPLICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	24.83
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0272
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0023
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kWh	0.0012
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0117
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0041

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	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0006
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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	12.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	14.3376
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.6638
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027	\$/kW	0.4233
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2026) - effective until April 30, 2027 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.1495
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.5326
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2630

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	0.0006
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0006
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	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)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00

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

Other

Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	40.59
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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.

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	125.72
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	50.29
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.24
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.74
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.74)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.63
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.24
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)	\$	5.03
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)	\$	2.51

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	1.0563
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0457