

## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2018-0069**

### **SYNERGY NORTH CORPORATION – Thunder Bay Rate Zone**

**Application for rates and other charges for Thunder Bay rate zone to  
be effective May 1, 2019**

**By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott**

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**March 28, 2019**

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North), formerly Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. (Thunder Bay Hydro) on October 16, 2018, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

On April 12, 2018, Synergy North submitted a Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations and Divestitures (MAADs) application seeking approval to amalgamate Thunder Bay Hydro and Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Limited (Kenora Hydro). On November 15, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation and deferred rate re-basing from the closing date for five years. Synergy North notified the OEB the transaction was complete effective January 1, 2019.

As noted in the MAADs application and letter dated January 24, 2019, Synergy North plans to maintain two separate rate zones until such time as rates are re-based. Thunder Bay Hydro filed the application before the approval of the amalgamation. Accordingly, the Kenora Hydro and Thunder Bay rate zone will be heard separately.<sup>1</sup>

The Thunder Bay rate zone serves about 51,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation Reserve. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

A distributor may choose one of three rate-setting methodologies approved by the OEB. Each of these is explained in the OEB's [Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications](#) (the Filing Requirements).

Thunder Bay's rate zone application is based on a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (Price Cap IR) with a five-year term. The Price Cap IR option involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year. Mechanistic price cap adjustments, based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of the distributor's efficiency, are then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill decrease before taxes of \$1.00 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0046

The Thunder Bay rate zone application has also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. In 2015, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, in 2019 the final upward adjustment, exceeding the mechanistic adjustment alone, in this decision has been made and now the distribution rates have transitioned to a fully fixed structure. There is no longer a variable usage rate for this class of customer. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

## 2 THE PROCESS

This Decision is being issued by delegated authority, without a hearing, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the OEB Act).

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for 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 information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model and include it with its application.

During the course of the proceeding, the Rate Generator Model will also be updated or corrected, as required. The Rate Generator Model updates base rates, retail transmission service rates and, if applicable, shared tax saving adjustments. It also calculates rate riders for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances.

The Thunder Bay rate zone application was filed on October 16, 2018, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. The Thunder Bay rate zone application was supported with written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, Synergy North through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to Synergy North on February 21, 2019. Synergy North was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

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<sup>2</sup> OEB Policy – “A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers.” EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015.

### 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues, and provides reasons for approving or denying Synergy North proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design

In the final section, the OEB addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in previous proceedings which are not part of the scope of an IRM proceeding (such as specific service charges<sup>3</sup> and loss factors). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

### 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

Synergy North seeks to increase its rates for the Thunder Bay rate zone, effective May 1, 2019, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved *inflation minus X-factor* formula applicable to Price Cap IR applications.

The components of the Price Cap IR formula applicable to the Thunder Bay rate zone are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.05% increase to the Thunder Bay rate zone rates:  $1.05\% = 1.50\% - (0.00\% + 0.45\%)$ .

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<sup>3</sup> The most recent proceedings where approval was granted to change specific service charges are Report of the OEB – “Wireline Pole Attachment Charges” EB-2015-0304, Issued March 22, 2018 and the Decision and Order on Energy Retail Service Charges EB-2015-0304, Issued on February 14, 2019.

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>4</sup>		1.50%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.45%

The inflation factor of 1.50% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 rate year.

The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that will vary 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 Price Cap IR applications for the 2019 rate year.

The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, each within a range from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any particular distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The most efficient distributor would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.00%. Conversely, a higher stretch factor would be applied to a less efficient distributor (in accordance with its cost performance relative to expected levels) to reflect the incremental productivity gains that the distributor is expected to achieve. The stretch factor assigned to the Thunder Bay rate zone is 0.45%.

<sup>4</sup> For 2019 Inflation factor see Ontario Energy Board 2019 Electricity Distribution Rate applications - Updates November 23, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> Report of the OEB – “Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors” EB-2010-0379, Issued November 21, 2013, corrected December 4, 2013.

<sup>6</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – “Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2017 Benchmarking Update”, prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 2018.

## Findings

The OEB finds that Synergy North's request for a 1.05% rate adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and the Thunder Bay rate zones new rates shall be effective May 1, 2019.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>7</sup>

## 5 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Distributors charge retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) to their customers to recover the amounts they pay to a transmitter, a host distributor or both for transmission services. All transmitters charge Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) approved by the OEB to distributors connected to the transmission system. Host distributors charge host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

The Thunder Bay rate zone is transmission connected and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 5.1.

**Table 5.1: UTRs<sup>8</sup>**

Current Approved UTRs (2019)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$3.71
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.94
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.25

<sup>7</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: 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, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

<sup>8</sup> Decision and Interim Rate Order, EB-2018-0326, December 20, 2018.

## Findings

Synergy North's proposed adjustment to the Thunder Bay rate zone RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the UTRs current at the time of the filing.

The OEB finds that the new 2019 UTRs are to be incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that the Thunder Bay rate zone will charge its customers accordingly.

## 6 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be disposed.<sup>9</sup> OEB policy requires that Group 1 accounts be disposed if they exceed (as a debit or credit) a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor justifies why balances should not be disposed.<sup>10</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2017 actual year-end total balance for the Thunder Bay rate zone Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2019 is a credit of \$1,001,999. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0011 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold.

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account balance of \$119,190. Costs for the commodity portion of its electricity service reflects the sum of two charges: the price of electricity established by the operation of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administered wholesale market, and the GA.<sup>11</sup>

The GA is paid by consumers in several different ways:

- For Regulated Price Plan (RPP) customers, the GA is incorporated into the standard commodity rates, therefore there is no variance account for the GA.

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<sup>9</sup> Group 1 accounts track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor services (including the cost of power) and the associated revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these services. The total net difference between these costs and revenues is disposed to customers through a temporary charge or credit known as a rate rider.

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

<sup>11</sup> The GA is established monthly, by the IESO, and varies in accordance with market conditions. It is the difference between the market price and the sum of the rates paid to regulated and contracted generators and conservation and demand management (demand response) program costs.

- Customers who participate in the Ontario Industrial Conservation Initiative program are referred to as “Class A” customers. These customers are assessed GA costs through a peak demand factor that is based on the percentage their demand contributes to the top five Ontario system peaks. This factor determines a Class A customer's allocation for a year-long billing period that starts in July every year. As distributors settle with Class A customers based on the actual GA costs there is no resulting variance.
- “Class B” non-RPP customers pay the GA charge based on the amount of electricity they consume in a month (kWh). Class B non-RPP customers are billed GA based on the IESO published GA price. For Class B non-RPP customers, distributors track any difference between the billed amounts and actual costs in the GA Variance Account for disposal, once audited.

Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances should be responsible for paying (or receiving credits) for their disposal. The movement from one class to another should not prevent identifiable customers from paying down/receiving a debit/credit balance.

Synergy North proposes the recovery of the Thunder Bay rate zone GA variance account balance of \$119,190 as at December 31, 2017, including interest to April 30, 2019, in accordance with the following table.

**Table 6.1: Recovery of GA Variance**

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$100,681 recovered from customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2017 to December 2017	per kWh rate rider
\$18,509 from customers formerly in Class B during the period January 2017 to June 2017 who were reclassified to Class A	12 equal installments <sup>12</sup>

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes \$25,321 for the refund of Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges for Class B customers related to the IESO's wholesale energy market for Capacity Based Recovery program. Distributors pay CBR charges to the IESO and record these to a dedicated sub-account. The disposition of this sub-account is impacted by whether or not a distributor had any customers who were part of Class A during the period from January 2017 to December 2017. The disposition is also

<sup>12</sup> 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a “GA Allocation”.



impacted by whether or not the Class B CBR rate riders in the 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model<sup>13</sup> rounds to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more rate classes.

The Thunder Bay rate zone had Class A customers during the period from January, 2017 to December, 2017 but the CBR Class B rate riders calculated rounded to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more of the rate classes. In this event, the entire Account 1580 sub-account CBR Class B is added to the Account 1580WMS control account to be disposed through the general purpose Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account.

The remaining Group 1 accounts being sought for disposition, through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider, include the following flow through variance accounts: Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges, Retail Transmission Service Charges, Commodity Power Charges, and Account 1595 residual balances. These Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$1,121,189, which results in a refund to customers.

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.<sup>14</sup> Synergy North further notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.<sup>15</sup>

Last year, the OEB suspended its approvals of Group 1 rate riders on a final basis. As stated in its letter to the sector dated July 20, 2018, the OEB will determine whether the riders will be approved on an interim basis or not approved at all (i.e. no disposition of account balances) on a case by case basis until further notice.<sup>16</sup>

## Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$1,001,999 as of December 31, 2017, including interest projected to April 30, 2019 for Group 1 accounts on an interim basis.

The following table identifies the principal and interest amounts which the OEB approves for disposition.

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<sup>13</sup> 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.2 "CBR B".

<sup>14</sup> Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016.

<sup>15</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)." EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009.

<sup>16</sup> OEB letter to all rate-regulated licensed electricity distributors, Re: OEB's Plan to Standardize Processes to Improve Accuracy of Commodity Pass-Through Variance Accounts, July 20, 2018.

**Table 6.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Principal Balance (\$) A</b>	<b>Interest Balance (\$) B</b>	<b>Total Claim (\$) C=A+B</b>
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(8,377)	(25)	(8,402)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(1,022,868)	(32,250)	(1,055,118)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	67,481	(58)	67,423
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	332,278	7,554	339,833
RSVA – Power	1588	(263,854)	(17,987)	(281,840)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	113,045	6,145	119,190
Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances (2016)	1595	222,413	(405,498)	(183,085)
<b>Totals for all Group 1 accounts</b>		(559,881)	(442,118)	(1,001,999)

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 Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.<sup>17</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. Synergy North shall ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending June 30, 2019 (Quarter 2).

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through interim rate riders and charges as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The interim rate riders and charges will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>18</sup> 2019 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a GA Allocation and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR.

## 7 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's residential rate design policy stipulates that distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period, beginning in 2016.<sup>19</sup> This is the last year of the Thunder Bay rate zone's transition period and, accordingly, 2019 is the final year in which the Thunder Bay rate zone rates will be adjusted upwards by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The Thunder Bay rate zone has transitioned to a fully fixed structure.

The OEB expects an applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation of bill impacts for customers is required during the transition period. Mitigation usually takes the form of a lengthening of the transition period. The first test is to calculate the change in the monthly fixed charge, and to consider mitigation if it exceeds \$4. The second is to calculate the total bill impact of the proposals in the application for low volume residential customers (defined as those residential RPP customers whose consumption is at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Synergy North notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.28. The bill impacts arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, are below 10% for low volume residential customers.

### Findings

The distributor has now completed its transition to a fully fixed rate structure. The OEB finds that the proposed 2019 increase to the monthly fixed charge is calculated in accordance with the OEB's residential rate design policy. The results of the monthly fixed charge, and total bill impact for low consumption residential consumers demonstrate that no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final Rate Generator Model.

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<sup>19</sup> As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

## 8 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with Thunder Bay Hydro's last cost of service decision, and to ensure that the 2018 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2017, are as reported by Thunder Bay Hydro to the OEB.

The Rate Generator Model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies. The Rate Generator Model incorporates the rates set out in the following table.

**Table 8.1: Regulatory Charges**

Rate	per kWh
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0005
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	\$0.0004

Each of these 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, WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on December 20, 2018.<sup>20</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 March 1, 2018.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2018-0294, December 20, 2018.

<sup>21</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018.

**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, 2019 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Synergy North Corporation shall notify the Thunder Bay rate zone customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final and interim rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 28, 2019

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

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**DATED: March 28, 2019**

# Synergy North Corporation

## Thunder Bay Rate Zone

### TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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## 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 apartment 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	\$	24.77
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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 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 1,000 kW. This class includes medium and large-size commercial buildings, apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer courts, industrial plants, as well as large stores, shopping centers, hospitals, manufacturing or processing plants, garages, storage buildings, hotels, motels, schools, colleges, arenas and other comparable premises. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered.

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.

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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.

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	\$	27.67
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0180
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25



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## GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 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 1,000 kW. This class includes medium and large-size commercial buildings, apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer courts, industrial plants, as well as large stores, shopping centers, hospitals, manufacturing or processing plants, garages, storage buildings, hotels, motels, schools, colleges, arenas and other comparable premises. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW non-interval metered

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered.

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	\$	208.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.3857
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.5286)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2167
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7560
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.3514
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9410

**MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 KW OR GREATER 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, 1,000 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.

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

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

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	2,979.44
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8537
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.4406)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3514
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9410

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Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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, private sentinel lighting etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturing information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/ consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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)	\$	8.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0120
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	(0.0010)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. 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)	\$	8.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.5265
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	(0.3511)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6804
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3861

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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 photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. 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)	\$	1.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.8029
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2019) - effective until April 30, 2020 - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$/kW	<b>(0.5341)</b>
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6716
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3576

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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	\$	5.40
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**ALLOWANCES**

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & energy	%	(1.00)



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#### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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#### Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	25.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

#### Non-Payment of Account (see Note below)

Late payment - per month	%	1.50
Late payment - per annum	%	19.56
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00

#### Other

Service call - customer-owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	43.63

**NOTE: Ontario Energy Board Rate Order EB-2017-0183, issued on March 14, 2019, identifies changes to the Non-Payment of Account Service Charges effective July 1, 2019**

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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	\$	100.00
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	40.00
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.00
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.60
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.60)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.00
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)	\$	4.00
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)	\$	2.00

## LOSS FACTORS

If the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer	1.0394
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer	1.0290