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## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

### **EB-2020-0055**

### **SYNERGY NORTH CORPORATION**

**Application for rates and other charges to be effective May 1, 2021**

**By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott**

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**March 25, 2021**

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Rate Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by Synergy North Corporation (Synergy North), for both its Thunder Bay rate zone and Kenora rate zone, for new rates effective May 1, 2021.

On November 15, 2018, the OEB approved the amalgamation of Thunder Bay Hydro Electric Distribution Inc. and Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Limited and deferred rate re-basing from the closing date of the transaction for five years.<sup>1</sup> The transaction was effective January 1, 2019. Synergy North will maintain the two separate rate zones until rates are re-based.

Synergy North serves approximately 51,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation Reserve in the Thunder Bay rate zone and approximately 5,500 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Kenora in the Kenora rate zone. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licensed 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 [Handbook for Utility Rate Applications](#). As part of the merger, acquisition, amalgamation and divestiture (MAAD) proceeding, the OEB determined that during the deferred rebasing period, the pre-existing rate plans relating to the Thunder Bay and Kenora rate zones would remain in effect until their expiry.<sup>2</sup>

For the Thunder Bay rate zone, the 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 typically then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

For the Kenora rate zone, the application is based on the Annual IR Index option to set rates for 2021. The Annual IR Index is based on inflation less the OEB's highest stretch factor assessment of a distributor's efficiency.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill increase in the Thunder Bay rate zone of \$1.42 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2021. For the Kenora rate zone, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$0.37 for a

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2018-0124 and EB-2018-0233, Decision and Order, November 15, 2018

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 2

residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2021. The increases do not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> O.Reg 363/16. S. 3, effective November 1, 2019

## 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 hearing IRM applications filed under the Price Cap IR and the Annual IR Index options. In each adjustment year of a Price Cap IR or an Annual IR Index term, the OEB prepares a Rate Generator Model that includes, as a placeholder, information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements.<sup>4</sup> A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model, and include it with its application.

Synergy North filed its application on November 23, 2020 under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the OEB's [Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications, Chapter 3 - Incentive Rate-Setting Applications](#) (Filing Requirements).

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and two completed Rate Generator Models. During the course of the proceeding, the applicant responded to OEB staff questions through emails and phone calls and, where required, updated and clarified the evidence.

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<sup>4</sup> The Rate Generator Model is a Microsoft Excel workbook that is used to update 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. During the course of an IRM proceeding, the Rate Generator Model may be updated in order to make any necessary corrections, or to incorporate new rate-setting parameters as they become available.

### 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

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

- Price Cap Adjustment (for the Thunder Bay rate zone)/Annual IR Index Adjustment (for the Kenora rate zone)
- Shared Tax Adjustments (for the Kenora rate zone)
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Disposition of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider

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>5</sup> and loss factors). No further approvals are required to continue to include these items on a distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

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<sup>5</sup> Certain Service Charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. The Decision and Order EB-2020-0285, issued December 3, 2020 established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2021. The Order EB-2020-0288, issued December 10, 2020, set the Wireline Pole Attachment Charge for January 1, 2021 on an interim basis.

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT/ANNUAL IR INDEX ADJUSTMENT

Synergy North seeks to change its rates, effective May 1, 2021, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved ***inflation minus X-factor*** formula applicable to Price Cap IR applications for the Thunder Bay rate zone, and to Annual IR Index applications for the Kenora rate zone.

The components of the Price Cap IR adjustment 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 1.90% increase to rates: **1.90% = 2.20% - (0.00% + 0.30%)**.

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula – Thunder Bay Rate Zone**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>6</sup>		2.20%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>7</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>8</sup>	0.30%

The components of the Annual Index IR adjustment formula applicable to the Kenora rate zone are set out in Table 4.2, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 1.60% increase to rates: **1.60% = 2.20% - (0.00% + 0.60%)**.

**Table 4.2: Annual IR Index Adjustment Formula - Kenora Rate Zone**

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor		2.20%
X-Factor	Productivity	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% to 0.60%)	0.60%

<sup>6</sup> For the 2021 Inflation Factor, see Ontario Energy Board 2021 Electricity Distribution Rate applications webpage – November 9, 2020

<sup>7</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>8</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – “Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2019 Benchmarking Update”, prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 2020

A maximum inflation factor of 2.20% applies to all Price Cap IR/Annual IR Index applications for the 2021 rate year, provided that a utility does not elect a lower inflation factor to be used.

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 and Annual IR Index applications for the 2021 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 0.30%. For Annual IR Index applications, i.e. for the Kenora rate zone, the OEB applies a default stretch factor of 0.60%.

In light of the continued uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, and its impact on electricity utilities and customers alike, for 2021 rate adjustment applications, the OEB allowed utilities the discretion of applying either the calculated inflation factor in accordance with the OEB-approved methodology or a lower value. Utilities were also given the discretion to forego the inflationary increase entirely.<sup>9</sup>

The OEB required all utilities that filed (or were planning to file) 2021 rate adjustment applications to file a letter on the record of their rates proceedings, indicating the inflation factor that the utility has elected.

On January 27, 2021, Synergy North filed a letter advising the OEB that it is electing an inflation factor of 2.20% for both rate zones for 2021 rates, resulting in a rate adjustment of 1.90% for the Thunder Bay rate zone, and 1.60% for the Kenora rate zone.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>9</sup> [OEB Letter, 2021 Inflation Parameters, issued November 9, 2020](#)

<sup>10</sup> EB-2020-0055, Letter re: Synergy North Corporation's 2021 Inflation Factor, January 27, 2021

## Findings

The OEB finds that Synergy North's request for a 1.90% rate adjustment for the Thunder Bay rate zone and a 1.60% rate adjustment for the Kenora rate zone is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB, as well as the process established for the implementation of the 2021 inflation factor. The adjustments are approved, and Synergy North's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2021.

The adjustments apply to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</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 and microFIT charge.

## 5 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

In any adjustment year of a Price Cap IR or Annual IR Index term, a change in legislation may result in a change to the amount of taxes payable by a distributor. With regard to IRM applications, the OEB has long held that the impact of such legislated tax changes be shared 50/50 between shareholders and ratepayers. The shared tax change amount, whether in the form of a credit or a debit, will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from the distributor's last cost of service proceeding.

On July 25, 2019, the OEB issued a letter<sup>12</sup> providing accounting guidance with respect to recent changes in capital cost allowance (CCA) rules. The guidance provides that impacts from changes in CCA rules will not be assessed in IRM applications, and that any request for disposition of amounts related to CCA changes is to be deferred to the distributor's next cost-base rate application. A distributor's request for disposition of shared tax adjustment amounts in an IRM application should, therefore, be comprised only of impacts for tax changes unrelated to CCA (such as changes in corporate income tax rates).

For the Kenora rate zone, the application identifies a total tax decrease of \$5,364, resulting in a shared credit amount of \$2,682 to be refunded to ratepayers. (With respect to the Thunder Bay rate zone, Synergy North submitted that there was no change to the amount of taxes payable.)

This allocated tax sharing amount does not produce a rate rider to the fourth decimal place, in one or more rate classes. In such situations, where the Rate Generator Model does not compute rate riders, distributors typically are required to transfer the entire OEB-approved tax sharing amount into the Disposition and Recovery of Regulatory Balances Control Account (Account 1595) for disposition at a later date.

### Findings

The OEB approves the tax refund of \$2,682 for the Kenora rate zone. The allocated tax sharing credit amount of \$2,682 does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes. The OEB, therefore, directs Synergy North to record the OEB-approved tax sharing credit amount of \$2,682 into Account 1595 "Sub-account Principal Balances Approved for Disposition in 2021" for the Kenora rate zone.

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<sup>12</sup> OEB Accounting Direction Regarding Bill C-97 and Other Changes in Regulatory or Legislated Tax Rules for Capital Cost Allowance, July 25, 2019

## 6 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

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

Synergy North is transmission connected for both rate zones and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the currently approved rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 6.1.

**Table 6.1: UTRs<sup>13</sup>**

UTRs (2021)	per kW
Network Service Rate	\$4.67
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.53

### Findings

Synergy North's proposed adjustments to its RTSRs for the Thunder Bay rate zone and the Kenora rate zone are approved. The OEB notes that the OEB-approved 2021 UTRs were incorporated into the rate models to adjust the RTSRs that Synergy North will charge its customers.

<sup>13</sup> EB-2020-0251, Decision and Order, December 17, 2020

## 7 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts in order to determine whether their total balance should be disposed.<sup>14</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>15</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2019 actual year-end total balance for the Thunder Bay rate zone's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2021, and including Account 1595 (2017), is a debit of \$405,353. This amount represents a total debit claim of \$0.0005 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold. However, Synergy North has requested disposition of this debit amount over a one-year period.

The 2019 actual year-end total balance for the Kenora rate zone's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2021, and including Account 1595 (2017), is a credit of \$28,853. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0003 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold. However, Synergy North has requested disposition of this credit amount over a one-year period.

### a) *Global Adjustment Variance Account*

One of the components of the commodity costs billed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), which is included in Group 1 accounts, is the Global Adjustment (GA).<sup>16</sup>

Different customer groups pay the GA in different ways:

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

<sup>14</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>15</sup> Report of the OEB – “Electricity Distributors’ Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR).” EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>16</sup> The GA is established monthly by the IESO to reflect the difference between the wholesale market price for electricity and regulated rates for:

- Ontario Power Generation’s nuclear and hydroelectric generating stations
- payments for building or refurbishing infrastructure such as gas-fired and renewable facilities and other nuclear
- contracted rates paid to a number of generators across the province
- the cost of delivering conservation programs

- "Class A" customers are allocated GA costs based on the percentage their demand contributes to the top five Ontario system peaks. As distributors settle with Class A customers based on actual GA costs, there is no resulting variance.
- "Class B" non-RPP customers are billed GA based on the electricity they consume in a month at the IESO published GA price. Distributors track any difference between the billed amounts and actual costs for these customers in the GA Variance Account for disposal, once audited.

Synergy North has Class A customers in its Thunder Bay rate zone only. There are no customers in the Kenora rate zone that qualify for this rate classification.

For the Thunder Bay rate zone, Synergy North proposes the recovery of its GA variance account debit balance of \$545,433 as of December 31, 2019, including projected interest to April 30, 2021, in accordance with the following table.

**Table 7.1: Recovery of GA Variance – Thunder Bay Rate Zone**

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$545,433 recovered from customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2019 to December 2019	per kWh rate rider

For the Kenora rate zone, Synergy North proposes the recovery of its GA variance account debit balance of \$46,879 as of December 31, 2019, including projected interest to April 30, 2021, in accordance with the following table.

**Table 7.2: Recovery of GA Variance – Kenora Rate Zone**

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$46,879 recovered from customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2019 to December 2019	per kWh rate rider

*b) Capacity Based Recovery Class B Sub-account*

For the Thunder Bay rate zone, the balance of the Group 1 accounts includes the Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) sub-account for Class B customers, a credit amount of \$65,519, relating to the IESO's wholesale energy market for the CBR program. Synergy North had Class A customers in the Thunder Bay rate zone during the period from

January 2019 to December 2019, so it applied to have the balance of this account disposed through a separate kWh rate rider for Class B customers in order to ensure proper allocation between Class A and Class B customers.

For the Kenora rate zone, the balance of the Group 1 accounts includes the CBR sub-account for Class B customers credit balance of \$8,185, relating to the IESO's wholesale energy market for the CBR program. Synergy North had no Class A customers in the Kenora rate zone during the period from January 2019 to December 2019. As such, Synergy North requests to have the balance of this account for the Kenora rate zone disposed along with Account 1580 - Wholesale Market Service Charge through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider.

c) *Group 1 Accounts*

The Group 1 accounts being sought for disposition (excluding GA) for both rate zones 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 for the Thunder Bay rate zone have a total credit balance of \$140,079, which results in a refund to customers. This balance combined with the balance for the GA account results in the total debit balance for Group 1 accounts of \$405,353.

For the Kenora rate zone, these Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$75,731, which results in a refund to customers. This balance combined with the balance for the GA account results in the total credit balance for Group 1 accounts of \$28,853.

The balances proposed for disposition for both rate zones reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.<sup>17</sup> Synergy North further submits that its proposal for a one-year disposition period for both rate zones is in accordance with the OEB's policy.<sup>18</sup>

Appendix A of the Filing Requirements states:

Applicants are expected to request disposition of residual balances in Account 1595 Sub-accounts for each vintage year only once, on a final basis. Distributors only become eligible to seek disposition of these residual balances two years

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<sup>17</sup> Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016

<sup>18</sup> Report of the OEB – “Electricity Distributors’ Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (EDDVAR)” EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

after the expiry of the rate rider, (i.e. in the fourth rate year after the year the rate rider expires).

- May 1 rate year – If 2018 rate riders end on April 30, 2019, the balance of subaccount 1595 (2018) could be disposed of once the December 31, 2021 account balance has been audited. Therefore, sub-account 1595 (2018) would be eligible for disposition in the 2023 rate year.<sup>19</sup>

Synergy North is seeking disposition of Sub-account 1595 (2017) in a debit amount of \$138,648 for the Thunder Bay rate zone in this proceeding, stating the following:

- The bill impacts are well within the +/- 10% threshold for all rate classes and have also passed the 1595 Analysis Workform thresholds. Synergy North does not wish to create any intergenerational ratemaking gaps for its customers by not disposing of this amount in a timely manner.
- Synergy North ceased billing all its customer classes for the 1595 (2017) rate riders as of the sunset date April 30, 2018.
- Synergy North performed a “one-time” billing adjustment during the 2019 rate year for only its GS over 50 kW customers which corrected billing that occurred during the rate period October 1, 2017 to the sunset date of April 30, 2018.<sup>20</sup>

For the Kenora rate zone, Synergy North is also seeking disposition of Sub-account 1595 (2017) in a credit amount of \$413 in this proceeding.

## Findings

For the Thunder Bay rate zone, the OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$266,705 as of December 31, 2019, including interest projected to April 30, 2021, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis. The OEB does not approve disposition of the debit balance of \$138,648 in Account 1595 (2017). The former Thunder Bay Hydro’s sub-account 1595 (2017) rate rider ended on April 30, 2018. According to the Filing Requirements (and the illustrative example), the 1595 (2017) account balance may be disposed of once the December 31, 2020 account balance has been audited. Therefore, sub-account 1595 (2017) would be eligible for disposition in the 2022 rate year, and according to the Filing Requirements, it is not eligible for disposition in this proceeding.

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

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<sup>19</sup> Filing Requirements For Electricity Distribution Rate Applications - 2020 Edition for 2021 Rate Applications, May 14, 2020, page 35

<sup>20</sup> Synergy North’s response to OEB Staff Follow-up Question #1, February 4, 2021

**Table 7.3: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances – Thunder Bay Rate Zone**

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(4,480)	(41)	(4,521)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(245,043)	(8,785)	(253,828)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(63,752)	(1,767)	(65,519)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	160,551	1,800	162,351
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	15,298	(1,024)	14,274
RSVA - Power	1588	(115,779)	(15,705)	(131,484)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	515,310	30,123	545,433
<b>Totals for Group 1 accounts (excluding Account 1589)</b>		(253,205)	(25,522)	(278,727)
<b>Totals for all Group 1 accounts</b>		262,105	4,601	266,705

For the Kenora rate zone, the OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$28,440 as of December 31, 2019, including interest projected to April 30, 2021, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis. The OEB does not approve disposition of the balance of a credit of \$413 in 1595 (2017) for the reasons provided for the same account for the Thunder Bay rate zone.

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

**Table 7.4: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances – Kenora Rate Zone**

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(899)	4	(895)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(21,881)	650	(21,231)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(7,843)	(342)	(8,185)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	31,657	932	32,589
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	4,115	(688)	3,427
RSVA - Power	1588	(80,020)	(1,004)	(81,025)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	47,735	(856)	46,879
<b>Totals for Group 1 accounts (excluding Account 1589)</b>		(74,871)	(448)	(75,319)
<b>Totals for all Group 1 accounts</b>		(27,136)	(1,304)	(28,440)

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>21</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. For each rate zone, the OEB approves the Group 1 balances to be disposed through final rate riders as calculated in the Rate Generator Models. The final rate riders will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>22</sup> 2021 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.2 CBR B and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR

## 8 DISPOSITION OF COVID-19 FORGONE REVENUE RATE RIDER

On April 16, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Order approving Synergy North's new rates for each rate zone, with an effective date of May 1, 2020. However, in light of the uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision and Order also granted Synergy North the option to postpone implementation of its new rates and to track temporarily forgone revenue in Account 1509, Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues.<sup>23</sup> On April 23, 2020, Synergy North filed a letter with the OEB, advising that the utility had elected to postpone the implementation of its new rates.

In the Final Rate Order issued for Synergy North's 2020 rates effective May 1, 2020 and implemented November 1, 2020,<sup>24</sup> the OEB approved Synergy North's proposal to maintain the accumulated forgone revenue balances for a future disposition request (either as part of the 2021 IRM rate application, a subsequent rate proceeding or, at the latest, as part of its next rebasing application).

In this proceeding, Synergy North originally proposed to collect the forgone revenue from postponing the implementation of its 2020 rates for each rate zone, through the COVID-19 Forgone Revenue rate rider, over a six-month period from May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021. Synergy North completed the COVID-19 Forgone Revenue model calculations to determine the fixed and volumetric rate riders using actual billing data.

In response to the OEB's draft decision and rate order in this proceeding, issued on March 4, 2021, Synergy North submitted a letter of comment, which included a request to withdraw its request to collect this forgone revenue. In its letter, Synergy also stated that it will not be seeking the recovery of the forgone revenue.<sup>25</sup>

### Findings

The OEB accepts Synergy North's request to forgo any lost revenues that resulted from the postponed implementation of its 2020 rates for each rate zone. The OEB notes that this request constitutes a final election and finds that Synergy North will no longer be eligible to dispose of the balances in Account 1509 sub-account Forgone Revenues

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<sup>23</sup> On August 6, 2020, the OEB established a new Account 1509 sub-account Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation specifically to record the impacts associate with postponing 2020 rates implementation and instructed distributors to transfer to this account any of these impacts previously recorded amounts in the Lost Revenues sub-account.

<sup>24</sup> EB-2019-0068, Final Rate Order, October 8, 2020

<sup>25</sup> Letter to the OEB in response to the draft decision, dated March 11, 2021

from Postponing Rate Implementation in each of its rate zones. Any amounts previously recorded in these sub-accounts shall be reversed.

## 9 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by Rate Generator Models, 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 Synergy North's last cost of service decision and to ensure that the 2020 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2019, are as reported by Synergy North to the OEB.

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

**Table 9.1: 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 10, 2020.<sup>26</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>27</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*,<sup>28</sup> 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 February 25, 2021, the OEB announced that the microFIT charge for the 2021 rate year will remain at \$4.55 per month.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>26</sup> EB-2020-0276, Decision and Order, December 10, 2020

<sup>27</sup> EB-2017-0290, Decision and Order, March 1, 2018

<sup>28</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board “Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy”, March 31, 2011

<sup>29</sup> OEB letter: Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification, issued February 25, 2021

**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, 2021 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Synergy North Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new final rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 25, 2021

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Christine E. Long  
Registrar

**Schedule A**  
**To Decision and Rate Order**  
**Tariff of Rates and Charges**  
**OEB File No: EB-2020-0055**  
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# Synergy North Corporation

## Kenora Rate Zone

### TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2021**

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### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services supplied to single-family dwelling units for domestic or household purposes shall be classified as residential service. Subclasses would be:

Overhead

- Transformers not on private property
- Transformers on private property

Underground

- Transformers not on private property
- Transformers on private property

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	\$	31.65
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0007)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0084
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0016

### 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**

All services other than those designated as residential service, municipal street lighting service. This includes combination type services where a variety of uses are made of the same service by the Customer (e.g. General Service less than 50 kVA combined with residential service). Subclasses would be:

Demand less than 50 kVA - (100A @ 120/208V; 100A @ 120/240V, 60A @ 347/600V)

Demand equal to 50 kVA, up to 500 kVA - (1600A @ 120/208V; 600A @ 347/600V; 600A @ 120/240V)

Demand equal to 500 kVA, up to 5,000 kVA - (greater than 1600A @ 120/208V OR greater than 600A @ 347/600V and service from the 44 kV distribution system)

For new installations, demand sizing is based on the main switch size in amps converted to kVA. 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	\$	41.03
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014

### **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 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

All services other than those designated as residential service, municipal street lighting service. This includes combination type services where a variety of uses are made of the same service by the Customer (e.g. General Service less than 50 kVA combined with residential service). Subclasses would be:

Demand less than 50 kVA - (100A @ 120/208V; 100A @ 120/240V, 60A @ 347/600V)

Demand equal to 50 kVA, up to 500 kVA - (1600A @ 120/208V; 600A @ 347/600V; 600A @ 120/240V)

Demand equal to 500 kVA, up to 5,000 kVA - (greater than 1600A @ 120/208V OR greater than 600A @ 347/600V and service from the 44 kV distribution system)

For new installations, demand sizing is based on the main switch size in amps converted to kVA. 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 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	\$	567.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.8084
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	(0.2610)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kW	(0.3037)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0655
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5199

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**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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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kVA and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	14.89
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0045
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0073
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0014

### 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

All service supplied to any electrical street lighting equipment owned by, or operated for, the City of Kenora that is used to illuminate roadways and sidewalks, etc. The street light equipment is not metered, and they turn on and off by photoelectric cells. The consumption 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)	\$	5.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5996
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0013)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kW	(0.2440)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0012
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3116
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4019

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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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	\$	4.55
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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
Statement of account	\$	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
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	25.00
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

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

#### Other

Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	65.00
Service call - customer-owned equipment - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments) - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$	44.50

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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	\$	104.24
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	41.70
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.04
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.62
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.62)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.52
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.04
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)	\$	4.17
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)	\$	2.08

### **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	1.0430
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0325

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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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	25.63
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0076
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0054

### 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

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

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered.

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## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	28.63
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0186
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
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 50 TO 999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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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

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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	\$	215.49
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5035
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.2519
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0056)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kW	0.0020
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.0351)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	0.0020
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	2.8474
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8971
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0205
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.0970
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	

## 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

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

Service Charge	\$	3,083.11
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	2.9530
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.2036
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0750)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0155)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	3.0205
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	2.0970

### 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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### 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.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	8.53
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0124
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
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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### **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.

#### **APPLICATION**

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	8.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.7536
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	(0.2145)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0794)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0299)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1585
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4975

#### **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.

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.0396
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.2267
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022	\$/kW	(0.0836)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2021) - effective until April 30, 2022 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	(0.0307)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1472
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4667

### 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.

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	4.55
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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
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

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

#### Other

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) - Approved on an Interim Basis	\$	44.50

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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	\$	104.24
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	41.70
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.04
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.62
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.62)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.52
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.04
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)	\$	4.17
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)	\$	2.08

### 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