



**Ontario Energy Board
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

DECISION AND RATE ORDER

EB-2016-0068

**ERIE THAMES POWERLINES
CORPORATION**

Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2017.

By Delegation, Before: Lynne Anderson

March 30, 2017

1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is the Decision and Rate Order (Decision) for Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation's Incentive Regulation Mechanism (IRM) application for 2017 rates.

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation (Erie Thames Powerlines) serves about 18,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the municipalities of Aylmer, Port Stanley, Belmont, Ingersoll, Thamesford, Otterville, Norwich, Burgessville, Beachville, Embro, Tavistock, Clinton, Mitchell, and Dublin. The company is seeking the Ontario Energy Board's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

Distributors may choose one of three Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate-setting methods. Erie Thames Powerlines has selected the Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting (Price Cap IR) option that has a five-year term. Rates are set through a cost of service rebasing application for the first year and are adjusted mechanistically through an IRM application for each of the ensuing four years. The price cap adjustment is based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of a distributor's efficiency.

Erie Thames Powerlines filed an IRM application with the OEB on October 17, 2016 to seek approval for changes to its distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2017. Erie Thames Powerlines last appeared before the OEB with a cost of service rebasing application for 2012 rates in the EB-2012-0121 proceeding.

The OEB addresses the following issues with respect to Erie Thames Powerlines' IRM application in this Decision.

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Regulatory Charges
- Shared Tax Adjustments
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design
- Implementation and Order

Erie Thames Powerlines applied for a rate increase of 1.60% in accordance with the OEB-approved 2017 parameters for inflation and productivity. The 1.60% price cap adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes; it does not apply to the rates and charges listed in Schedule B.

Erie Thames Powerlines also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a fixed monthly

charge and a variable usage charge. In 2015, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.¹ Accordingly, the fixed monthly charge for 2017 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

This Decision on Erie Thames Powerlines' IRM application will result in a monthly bill decrease of \$0.22 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh.

The OEB approves the adjustments made to Erie Thames Powerlines' application, and the associated rates calculated, as a result of this proceeding.

2 THE PROCESS

Erie Thames Powerlines filed an application with the OEB on October 17, 2016 under section 78 of the OEB Act and under the OEB's Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2017.

The OEB follows a standard, streamlined process for IRM applications under Price Cap IR. This Decision is being issued by delegated authority under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The OEB first prepares a rate model that includes information from past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. The distributor then reviews and updates the model and includes it with its application.

Erie Thames Powerlines' IRM application was supported by written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked and answers were provided by Erie Thames Powerlines through emails and phone calls. Based on this information, a decision was drafted and provided to Erie Thames Powerlines on February 14, 2017. Erie Thames Powerlines was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

¹ Board Policy: A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers, EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

The OEB has organized this Decision into sections to reflect the issues that were considered in making its findings.² Each section outlines the OEB's reasons for approving or denying the proposals included in the application and affecting 2017 rates. The last section addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

The price cap adjustment follows an OEB-approved formula that includes annually updated components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains.³ The formula is an *inflation minus X-factor* rate adjustment, which is intended to incent innovation and efficiency. The OEB has set the inflation factor for 2017 rates at 1.9% based on its established formula.⁴

The X-factors for individual distributors have two parts: a productivity element established from a historical analysis of industry cost performance; and a stretch factor based on a distributor's efficiency relative to its expected costs. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors an incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income.

Based on industry conditions over the historical study period, the productivity factor has been set at 0.0%. A stretch factor is assigned to each distributor based on the individual distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked relative to other distributors in Ontario. For Price Cap IR applications, there are five stretch factor groupings that have each been assigned a stretch factor in the range from 0.0% to 0.6%.⁵ The most efficient distributor, based on the cost evaluation ranking, would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.0%. Higher stretch factors are applied to distributors in accordance with their cost performance relative to expected levels, to reflect the incremental productivity gains that distributors are expected to achieve.

Findings

The OEB assigned Erie Thames Powerlines a stretch factor of 0.30% based on the

² See list of issues in the Introduction, p.1

³ Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)

⁴ As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 3 above

⁵ Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2015 Benchmarking Update." Pacific Economics Group LLC. July 2016

updated benchmarking study for use for rates effective in 2017.⁶ The resulting net price cap adjustment for Erie Thames Powerlines is 1.60% (i.e. 1.9% - (0% + 0.30%)).

The 1.60% adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes; it does not apply to the rates and charges listed in Schedule B.

5 REGULATORY CHARGES

Customers are charged a number of fees to cover the costs associated with various programs and wholesale market services.

The Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) program is designed to partially offset the relatively high cost of electricity distribution to eligible customers located in rural or remote areas of Ontario. The funding level is established by the government of Ontario and is recovered from all electricity customers in the province through a charge that is set annually by the OEB.

Wholesale market service (WMS) charges recover the cost of the services provided by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to operate the electricity system and administer the wholesale market. These charges may include costs associated with: operating reserve, system congestion and imports, and losses on the IESO-controlled grid. Distributors recover the WMS charges from their customers through the WMS kWh rate.

In addition, the costs of the IESO WMS Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) initiative are recovered by distributors from Class B customers through a separate kWh charge, and from Class A customers through their share of the actual CBR charge based on their contribution to peak demand.

These regulatory charges are components of the Regulatory Charge on customers' bills and are established annually by the OEB through a separate order.

The OEB has set the RRRP charge for 2017 at \$0.0021 per kWh.

The WMS rate used by distributors to bill their Class A and B customers remains at \$0.0032 per kWh. An additional component is billed to Class B customers for the CBR of \$0.0004 per kWh.⁷

⁶ As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 5 above

⁷ Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0362, December 15, 2016

These changes are effective January 1, 2017 for all distributors as a result of the generic order that was part of a separate OEB decision.⁸

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) is a program to deliver on-bill rate assistance to low income electricity customers. This program was funded by all Ontario customers through the OESP Charge.

On March 23, 2017, the OEB issued a Decision and Order rescinding the OESP charge effective May 1, 2017⁹ until further notice.

The OEB has updated the Tariff of Rates and Charges flowing from the above, listed in Schedule A, to reflect these changes. Although the OEB has also, for administrative convenience, removed the OESP credits from the attached tariff, distributors must continue until further notice to apply the OESP credits on bills issued to eligible low-income customers, as set by the OEB's December 21, 2016 Order.¹⁰

6 SHARED TAX ADJUSTMENTS

The OEB approves an amount for taxes in a distributor's cost of service proceeding based on the tax rates in place at the time. The OEB has determined that a 50/50 sharing of the impact of legislated tax changes between shareholders and ratepayers is appropriate in the period between cost of service proceedings. The shared tax change amount will be assigned to customer rate classes in the same proportions as the OEB-approved distribution revenue by rate class from a distributor's last cost of service proceeding.

The application identified a total tax change of \$55,549, resulting in a shared amount of \$27,775 to be charged to rate payers. Since the allocated tax sharing amount does not produce a rate rider in one or more rate classes the rate generator model does not compute rate riders and distributors are expected to transfer the entire OEB-approved tax sharing amount into account 1595 for disposition at a later date.¹¹ Erie Thames Powerlines has accordingly requested to record the amount in a deferral account for future disposition.¹²

⁸ Ibid

⁹ EB-2017-0135

¹⁰ EB-2016-0376

¹¹ Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications, Appendix B

¹² Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation, Application filed October 17, 2016, Manager's Summary

Findings

The OEB agrees with Erie Thames Powerlines request to record this amount in the variance account for future disposition. Accordingly, the OEB directs Erie Thames Powerlines to record the tax sharing of \$27,775 in variance Account 1595 by June 30, 2017 for disposition at a future date.

7 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Electricity distributors use Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) to pass along the cost of transmission service to their distribution customers. The RTSRs are adjusted annually to reflect the revised costs as calculated by the application of the current Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) to historical transmission deliveries. The UTRs are established annually by a separate OEB order. Partially embedded distributors, such as Erie Thames Powerlines, must also adjust their RTSRs to reflect any changes to the applicable RTSRs of their host distributor, which in this case is Hydro One Networks Inc. Distributors may apply to the OEB annually to approve the RTSRs they propose to charge their customers, as Erie Thames Powerlines has done in this application.

Findings

The OEB approves the RTSRs as adjusted in this Application to reflect current applicable rates. The RTSRs are based on the previous years' UTRs as the OEB has not yet approved the adjustment of UTRs for 2017. The OEB has approved the 2017 Sub-Transmission Class RTSRs for Hydro One Networks Inc. to use for billing embedded distributors. These rate changes have been incorporated into the 2017 IRM Rate Generator Model (RTSR filing module) to adjust the RTSRs that Erie Thames Powerlines will charge its customers.¹³ The differences between the previous and the new 2017 UTRs, once approved, will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

The applicable UTRs and Sub-Transmission Class RTSRs for Hydro One Networks Inc. are shown in the following tables:

¹³ Rate Order, EB-2016-0081, issued December 21, 2016

Current Applicable Uniform Transmission Rates

Network Service Rate	\$3.66 per kW
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.87 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.02 per kW

2017 Sub-Transmission RTSRs

Network Service Rate	\$3.19 per kW
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77 per kW
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.75 per kW

8 GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCES

Group 1 deferral and variance accounts (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.

The OEB's policy¹⁴ is to review and dispose of the distributor's Group 1 account balances if they exceed (as a debit or credit) the pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh during the term of an incentive ratemaking plan. The distributor must justify why any account balance in excess of the threshold should not be disposed. The distributor may propose to dispose of balances below this threshold.

Erie Thames Powerlines' 2015 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2017 is a debit of \$39,783. This amount results

¹⁴ Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (July 31, 2009)

in a total debit claim of \$0.0001 per kWh, which does not exceed the preset disposition threshold. Erie Thames Powerlines did not seek disposition of balances in its application.

Findings

The OEB finds that no disposition is required at this time as the disposition threshold has not been exceeded.

9 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB residential rate design policy¹⁵ stipulates that electricity distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period starting in 2016. The OEB requires that distributors filing IRM applications this year continue with this transition by once again adjusting their distribution rates to increase the fixed monthly service charge and decrease the variable charge consistent with the policy.

The OEB expects the applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation (generally a lengthening of the transition period) for customers in the transition is required. 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 10th percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

Erie Thames Powerlines' implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$3.47. 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 OEB finds that the proposed 2017 increase to the monthly fixed charge is 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 show that

¹⁵ Ibid page 2

no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final rate model.

10 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

Rate Model

This Decision and Rate Order is accompanied by a rate model, applicable supporting model and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). Entries in the models were reviewed to ensure that they are in accordance with Erie Thames Powerlines' EB-2012-0121 cost of service decision, and that the 2016 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges as well as the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2015 are as reported by Erie Thames Powerlines to the OEB. The rate model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies.

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, 2017 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

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DATED at Toronto, March 30, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Board Secretary

Schedule A

To Decision and Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2016-0068

DATED: March 30, 2017

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2017

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to customers residing in residential dwelling units. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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

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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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	23.22
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0094
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0074
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0063
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0056

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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 the supply of electrical energy to General Service buildings requiring a connection with a connected load less than 50 kW, and, Town Houses and Condominiums described in section 3.1.9 of the Distributor's Conditions of Service that require centralized bulk metering. General Service buildings are defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single family dwellings. 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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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	22.29
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0145
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0074
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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 the supply of electrical energy to General Service customers requiring a connection with a connected load, or whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes, is equal to or greater than 50 kW but less than 1000 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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

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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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	127.91
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1024
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7099
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.2875
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6482
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8703

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation

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GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load or whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than 1000 kW but less than 5000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing

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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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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	2,537.23
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.2161
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.7635
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.6800
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8748
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0036

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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LARGE USE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to General Service Customers requiring a connection with a connected load or whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 5000 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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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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	10,362.66
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.9046
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0733
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.1869
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2727

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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 average monthly peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The level of consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of 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	\$	3.20
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.1142
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0020
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0074
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	5.59
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	15.6727
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5482
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0441
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.4388

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connection 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)	\$	4.04
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	23.5048
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5482
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.7392
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0441
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3780

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	2,361.50
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.0623
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2016) - effective until April 30, 2018		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	3.4671
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.8460
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6423

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0021
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 and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	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	%	1.50
Late payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - during regular business hours	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - after regular hours	\$	165.00
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

Other

Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	22.35

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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	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.30)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
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)	\$	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 < 5,000 kW	1.0451
Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0161
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0347
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	1.0060

Schedule B

To Decision and Rate Order

List of Rates and Charges Not Affected by the Price Cap or Annual IR Index

OEB File No: EB-2016-0068

DATED: March 30, 2017

The following rates and charges are not affected by the Price Cap or Annual IR Index:

- Rate riders
- Rate adders
- Low voltage service charges
- Retail transmission service rates
- Wholesale market service rate
- Rural or remote electricity rate protection charge
- Standard supply service – administrative charge
- Transformation and primary metering allowances
- Loss factors
- Specific service charges
- microFIT charge
- Retail service charges