

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

## EB-2024-0060

# WESTARIO POWER INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2025

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE:

James Sidlofsky Counsel Legal Services

December 19, 2024

### 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is approving changes to the rates that Westario Power Inc. (Westario Power) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective January 1, 2025.

As a result of this Decision and Rate Order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$5.49 for a residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.

### 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

Westario Power filed its application on August 13, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with <u>Chapter 3 (Incentive Rate-Setting</u> <u>Applications)</u> of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications* (Filing Requirements). The application was based on the Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting (Price Cap IR) option, with a five-year term.

The Price Cap IR option is one of three incentive rate-setting mechanisms (IRM) used by the OEB.<sup>1</sup> It involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year and mechanistic price cap adjustments which may be approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing adjustment years.

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for processing IRM applications filed under Price Cap IR. In each adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, the OEB prepares a Rate Generator Model that includes, as a placeholder, information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor then reviews, completes, and includes the model with its application, and may update the model during the proceeding to make any necessary corrections or to incorporate new rate-setting parameters as they become available.

Westario Power serves approximately 24,751 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Township of Huron-Kinloss (Villages of Ripley and Lucknow), the Municipality of Kincardine (Kincardine Ward 1), the Municipality of South Bruce (Villages of Mildmay and Teeswater), the Town of Saugeen Shores (Towns of Port Elgin and Southampton), the Township of North Huron (Town of Wingham), the Municipality of Brockton (Town of Walkerton and Village of Elmwood), the Township of Hanover (Town of Hanover), the Town of Minto (Towns of Harriston and Palmerston, Village of Clifford) and the Township of West Grey (Village of Neustadt).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each of these options is explained in the OEB's <u>Handbook for Utility Rate Applications</u>.

### **3. DECISION OUTLINE**

Each of the following issues is addressed in this Decision and Rate Order, together with the OEB's findings.

- Annual Adjustment Mechanism
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Low Voltage Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing Westario Power's new rates and charges are set out in the final section of this Decision and Rate Order.

This Decision and Rate Order does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in prior proceedings, such as specific service charges<sup>2</sup> and loss factors, which are out of the scope of an IRM proceeding and for which no further approvals are required to continue to include them on the distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Certain service charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. For example, the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0226, September 26, 2024, established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2025; and the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0227, issued September 26, 2024, established the 2025 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2025.

### 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Westario Power has applied to change its rates, effective January 1, 2025. The proposed rate change is based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved **inflation minus X-factor** formula applicable to IRM applications. The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>3</sup>

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to Westario Power are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.45% increase to Westario Power's rates: 3.45% = 3.60% - (0.00% + 0.15%).

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		3.60%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.15%

### Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula

An inflation factor of 3.60% applies to all IRM applications for the 2025 rate year. The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that varies among different groupings of distributors. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors with a tangible incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income. The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all IRM applications for the 2025 rate year. The stretch factor component of the X-factor is one of five stretch factor groupings established by the OEB, ranging from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any distributors in Ontario. The stretch factor assigned to Westario Power is 0.15%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.45%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The adjustment does not apply to the following components of delivery rates: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges (other than the Wireline Pole Attachment charge), and microFIT charge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OEB Letter, 2025 Inflation Parameters, issued June 20, 2024

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Report of the Ontario Energy Board – "Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors" EB-2010-0379, December 4, 2013
<sup>6</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2023 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 6, 2024

### Findings

Westario Power's request for a 3.45% rate increase is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and Westario Power's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2025.

### 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

In Ontario, some distributors are connected directly to a licensed transmitter, while others may be embedded, or partially-embedded, within the distribution system of another licensed distributor. Westario Power is fully embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

On August 30, 2024, Hydro One filed its 2025 distribution Custom IR update application with proposed new Sub-Transmission (ST) rates. By letter dated November 1, 2024<sup>7</sup>, the OEB determined that distributors with January 1 rates affected by Hydro One's host-RTSRs should update their 2025 rate applications with Hydro One's proposed ST RTSRs. The OEB also stated that distributors with January 1 rates should update their 2025 rate applications with January 1 rates should update their 2025 rate applications Rates (UTRs). Accordingly, Westario Power updated its RTSRs based on Hydro One's proposed host-RTSRs.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Westario Power requests approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers in accordance with the proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.

### Findings

Westario Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.8

If final UTRs or final host-RTSRs differ from the preliminary UTRs or proposed host-RTSRs, the resulting differences will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> EB-2024-0244, OEB Letter "2025 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates", issued November 1, 2024 <sup>8</sup> *Ibid.* 

### 6. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES

Westario Power is fully embedded within Hydro One's distribution system.

Low voltage transactions, which are not part of the wholesale electricity market, are charged to a distributor by its host distributor(s). To recover the cost of its low voltage transactions, Westario Power requests approval to adjust its Low Voltage Service Rates that it charges its customers as part of this IRM application. The adjusted Low Voltage Service Rates are based on the current OEB-approved host distributor sub-transmission rates and the most recent demand data for low voltage transactions.

#### Findings

Westario Power's proposed adjustment to its Low Voltage Service Rates is approved. These rates have been updated based on the current OEB-approved host distributors' sub-transmission rates. In the event that the OEB updates the approved host distributor sub-transmission rates during Westario Power's 2025 rate year, any resulting differences are to be captured in Account 1550 (LV Variance Account).

### 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 (DVAs) to determine whether those balances should be disposed of. OEB policy states that Group 1 account balances should be disposed of if they exceed, on a net basis (as a debit or credit), a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor can justify why balances should not be disposed of.<sup>9</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.<sup>10</sup>

The 2023 year-end net balance for Westario Power's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, is a debit of \$1,447,865, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2022 to 2023 calendar years. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0033 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold.

Westario Power has requested disposition of this amount over a one-year period.

Included in the Group 1 accounts are certain variances related to costs that are paid for by a distributor's customers on different bases, depending on their classification. "Class A" customers, who participate in the Industrial Conservation Initiative, pay for Global Adjustment (GA) charges based on their contribution to the five highest Ontario demand peaks over a 12-month period. "Class B" customers pay for GA charges based on their monthly consumption, either as a standalone charge or embedded in the Regulated Price Plan (RPP).<sup>11</sup> A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges.<sup>12</sup> The balance in the GA variance account is attributable to non-RPP Class B customers and is disposed of through a separate rate rider. The balance in the CBR Class B variance account is attributable to all Class B customers.

Westario Power had one or more Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated, however, the CBR Class B rate riders calculated rounded to zero at the fourth decimal place in one or more of the rate classes. When this occurs,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> OEB letter, "Update to the Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review ("EDDVAR Report"), released July 2009 (EB-2008-0046)", issued July 25, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s <u>website</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> All Class B customers (RPP and non-RPP) pay the CBR as a separate charge based on their monthly consumption. For additional details on the CBR for Class A customers, refer to the IESO's <u>website</u>.

the entire balance of the CBR Class B variance account is disposed of along with Account 1580 – Wholesale Market Service Charge through the general DVA rate riders.

During the period in which variances accumulated, Westario Power had one or more customers transition between Class A and Class B. Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances that are recorded in Group 1 accounts should be responsible for paying the debits (or receiving credits) for the disposition. Westario Power has proposed to allocate a portion of the GA balance to each transition customer, based on their customer-specific consumption levels.<sup>13</sup> The GA amounts allocated to each transition customer are proposed to be recovered (or refunded, as applicable), by way of 12 equal monthly installments.

### Account 1588

Westario Power originally submitted that the total account activity in Account 1588 – RSVA Power, expressed as a percentage of Account 4705 – Power Purchased, was 3.7% for 2023. The <u>Global Adjustment Analysis Workform Instructions</u> for 2025 Rates explains that the Account 1588 Reasonability Test compares the annual Account 1588 variance to the Cost of Power purchased in that respective year. Any annual Account 1588 variances greater than +/- 1% of that year's cost of power purchased must be explained.

In its application, Westario Power stated that the differences are due to posting errors and misallocation of journal entries that occurred in the last quarter of 2023, where these amounts have been included in the principal transactions for 2023.<sup>14</sup> The posting errors consisted of manual data entry errors that occurred in the last quarter of 2023 due to the Ontario Electricity Rebate value being inadvertently posted to Account 4705, leading to an overstatement in that period. Similarly, in other months, the GA value for non-RPP customers was posted to Account 4705 instead of the estimated GA value for RPP customers, resulting in an understatement.<sup>15</sup>

In addition to the above, Westario Power stated that there were errors on the RPP settlements for the months of October 2022 and, August and November 2023 because of inaccuracies in calculating weighted averages and expected daily prices for the RPP group of rates. While the RPP prices matched the OEB-approved rates, the market rate used to reconcile the difference between purchased and billed amounts was incorrect.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Manager's Summary, p. 19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Westario Response OEB Staff Questions 2<sup>nd</sup> Round 2025 IRM 20241128, Follow Up Staff Question-3, part 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Westario\_Response\_OEB Staff Questions\_2nd Round\_2025 IRM\_20241128, Follow Up Staff Question-3, part 2

Westario Power has completed the submission of the updated RPP claims for the respective months.

In response to OEB staff questions, Westario Power made corrections that reduced the total principal adjustments from \$716,275 to (\$173,498) in the account. With these various corrections, total activity in Account 1588 – RSVA Power as a percentage of Account 4705 – Power Purchased decreased from 3.7% to 0.5% for 2023, which is within the 1% threshold of reasonability.

#### Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$1,447,865 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis. Table 7.1 identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

Account Name and Number		Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	233,034	41,226	274,260
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(50,378)	(6,510)	(56,8877)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	505,246	91,813	597,059
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(6,200)	(6,497)	(12,697)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	425,108	66,767	491,875
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	562,790	46,332	609,122
RSVA – Power	1588	194,923	164,108	359,031
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(850,558)	(4,950)	(855,508)
Disposition and Recovery/ Refund of Regulatory Balances (2020)	1595	(70,103)	70,496	393
Disposition and Recovery/ Refund of Regulatory Balances (2021)	1595	(81,153)	122,371	41,218
Total for Group 1 accounts		862,708	585,156	1,447,865

### Table 7.1: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of Account 1595. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.<sup>17</sup> The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is generally the start of the rate year.

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed of through final rate riders, charges, or payments, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final rate riders, charges, and payments, as applicable, will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.<sup>18</sup>

The OEB notes that the corrected balances proposed for disposition no longer reconcile with the 2023 amounts reported by Westario Power in April 2024 pursuant to the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements* (RRR)<sup>19</sup>. The OEB expects that Westario Power will take the necessary steps to correct its RRR filing. The discrepancies are summarized in Table 7.2.

Account N and Num		DVA Balance	RRR Balance	Variance	Cause of Discrepancy	Suggested Resolution
RSVA – Power	1588	359,031	1,425,396	1,134,778	Corrections to principal adjustments	Resubmit 2023 RRR filing
RSVA – Global Adjustment	1589	(855,508)	(58,614)	793,983	Corrections to principal adjustments	Resubmit 2023 RRR filing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a GA Allocation, Tab 6.2 CBR B, Tab 6.2a CBR B\_Allocation and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> draft\_dec\_rate\_order\_Westario Power\_2025-IRM-Rate-Generator-Model\_20241210, Tab 3

### 8. IMPLEMENTATION

This Decision and Rate Order is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). The Rate Generator Model also incorporates the following regulatory rates and charges set out in Table 8.1.

Rates	per kWh (\$)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	0.0015
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	0.0004
Charges	(\$)
Smart Metering Entity Charge	0.42
microFIT Charge	10.00
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	0.25

Each of the rates is a component of the "Regulatory Charge" on a customer's bill, established annually by the OEB through a separate, generic order. The RRRP and WMS rates were set by the OEB on December 10, 2024.<sup>20</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on September 8, 2022.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> EB-2024-0282, Decision and Order, December 10, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

### 9. ORDER

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Decision and Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2025 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Westario Power Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, December 19, 2024

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER WESTARIO POWER INC.

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

EB-2024-0060

**DECEMBER 19, 2024** 

Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2025 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 customers residing in residential dwelling units taking energy at 600 volts or less, with energy generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60 Hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 volts. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

Service Charge	\$	32.84
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31,		
2025	\$	(0.99)
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0036
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0073)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0018
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0105
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0077
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004

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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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### **GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, taking energy at 600 volts or less, requiring a connection with a connected load of less than 50 kW, and including Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering, whose average monthly maximum demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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

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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 Global Adjustment and the HST.

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

Service Charge	\$	31.89
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0142
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh \$/kWh	<mark>(0.0073)</mark> 0.0053
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Dispositon of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh \$/kWh	0.0096 0.0070
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		

# Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR\$/kWh0.0041Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers\$/kWh0.0004Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)\$/kWh0.0015Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)\$0.25

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#### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to general service buildings, defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings, requiring a connection with a connected load greater than 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW, 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, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Class A and Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Service Charge	\$	267.56
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8766
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2209
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0073)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-Wholesale Market Participants	\$/kW	0.8457
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	1.2691
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.7562
Rate Rider for Dispositon of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(0.3535)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.9972
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7898

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 600 volts or less whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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

Service Charge (per customer)	\$	5.93	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0220	
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0074)	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0054	
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	0.0020	
Rate Rider for Dispositon of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0010)	
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0096	
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070	
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component			

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### 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)	\$	6.70
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	34.6912
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9640
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	2.1297
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	1.0565
Rate Rider for Dispositon of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31,		
2025	\$/kW	(0.7300)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0331
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2027

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photocells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved Ontario Energy Board street lighting load shape template. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### APPLICATION

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

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	6.69
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.5909
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9423
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0073)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	2.2100
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.7379
Rate Rider for Dispositon of Deferral/Variance Accounts Group 2 Accounts - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	0.1594
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0100
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1531

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

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### 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

10.00

\$

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

#### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	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 charge - at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection charge - at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection charge - at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection charge - at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Other		
Service call - customer-owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	39.14

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#### **RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)**

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

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	121.23
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	48.50
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.20
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.71
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.71)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.61
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.20
Request for customer information as outlined in Section 10.6.3 and Chapter 11 of the Retail		
Settlement Code directly to retailers and customers, if not delivered electronically through the		
Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system, applied to the requesting party		
Up to twice a year	\$	no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	4.85
Notice of switch letter charge, per letter (unless the distributor has opted out of applying the charge as		
per the Ontario Energy Board's Decision and Order EB-2015-0304, issued on February 14, 2019)	\$	2.42

#### LOSS FACTORS

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

I otal Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 KW	1.0694
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0588