



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

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**DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2016-0102**

**PUC DISTRIBUTION INC.**

**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**

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**March 30, 2017**

# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is the Decision and Rate Order (Decision) for PUC Distribution Inc.'s Incentive Regulation Mechanism (IRM) application for 2017 rates.

PUC Distribution Inc. (PUC Distribution) serves about 33,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of Sault Ste. Marie. 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. PUC Distribution 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.

PUC Distribution filed an IRM application with the OEB on October 14, 2016 to seek approval for changes to its distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2017. PUC Distribution last appeared before the OEB with a cost of service rebasing application for 2013 rates in the EB-2012-0162 proceeding.

The OEB addresses the following issues with respect to PUC Distribution's IRM application in this Decision.

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

PUC Distribution applied for a rate increase of 1.45% in accordance with the OEB-approved 2017 parameters for inflation and productivity. The 1.45% 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.

PUC Distribution 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 PUC Distribution's IRM application will result in a monthly bill increase of \$0.47 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh.

The OEB approves the adjustments made to PUC Distribution's application, and the associated rates calculated, as a result of this proceeding.

## 2 THE PROCESS

PUC Distribution filed an application with the OEB on October 14, 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.

PUC Distribution's IRM application was supported by written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked and answers were provided by PUC Distribution through emails and phone calls. Based on this information, a decision was drafted and provided to PUC Distribution on March 8, 2017. PUC Distribution was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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%.<sup>5</sup> 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 PUC Distribution a stretch factor of 0.45% based on the updated

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<sup>2</sup> See list of issues in the Introduction, p.1

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

<sup>4</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 3 above

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

benchmarking study for use for rates effective in 2017.<sup>6</sup> The resulting net price cap adjustment for PUC Distribution is 1.45% (i.e. 1.9% - (0% + 0.45%)).

The 1.45% 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.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote 5 above

<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup>

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, 2017<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup>

## 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 \$61,394, resulting in a shared amount of \$30,697 to be charged to rate payers.

### Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of the shared tax amount of \$30,697 to be applied to all customer classes over a one-year period (i.e. May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018). The amount will be disposed through a fixed monthly rate rider for residential customers and through riders calculated on a volumetric basis for all other customers.

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid

<sup>9</sup> EB-2017-0135

<sup>10</sup> EB-2016-0376

## 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. Distributors may apply to the OEB annually to approve the RTSRs they propose to charge their customers, as PUC Distribution 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 differences between the previous and the new 2017 UTRs, once approved, will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition. The current applicable UTRs are shown in the following table:

#### 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

## 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 policy<sup>11</sup> is to review and dispose of the distributor's Group 1 accounts 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.

PUC Distribution's 2015 actual year-end total balance for Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2017 is a credit of \$6,509,444. PUC Distribution originally requested disposition of this amount in this application. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0097 per kWh, which is almost 10 times greater than the preset disposition threshold. PUC Distribution originally proposed to dispose of this credit amount over a one-year period.

In its responses to OEB staff questions regarding the significant credit balance of \$5,084,683 in Account 1588 RSVA Power, PUC Distribution responded that there are two adjustments that are required to the account, as follows:

1. PUC Distribution determined that it was under-invoiced by the IESO for the Global Adjustment Charge (charge type 148) for the months of June, July and August of 2015. PUC calculated that its Cost of Power (COP) expense for 2015 was understated by \$2.5 million effectively increasing the credit balance in account 1588 by the same amount, and
2. PUC Distribution also determined that it had not completed its RPP Settlement true-ups with the IESO for 2015, effectively understating its Cost of Power (COP) by a further estimated \$2.6 Million. PUC Distribution estimated that the true-up adjustment with the IESO would impact RSVA Power by a debit of \$2.6 Million.

PUC Distribution proposed to do an adjustment to Account 1588 for purposes of this application to bring the balance to zero and to dispose of the other Group 1 accounts that in aggregate are a credit balance. PUC Distribution also indicated that with this approach, a further adjustment would be required to Account 1588 in a future application once it has confirmed the actual true-up adjustment required.

## Findings

The OEB does not approve the disposition of Group 1 account balances at this time. The OEB notes PUC Distribution's proposal to provide a credit back to customers as part of this proceeding. While timely disposition of accounts is important, particularly when it is a credit to customers, even more important is the accuracy of account balances being disposed. As a result of OEB staff questioning the balance in Account

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<sup>11</sup> Report of the Board on Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative (July 31, 2009)

1588, PUC Distribution found two significant errors. This lowers the confidence in the accuracy of all Group 1 balances. Disposing of a preliminary balance for Account 1588 would require an interim order to avoid the issue of rate retroactivity. This along with disposing of some Group 1 balances and not others results in unnecessary complexity to future accounting and rate setting.

PUC Distribution is expected to undertake a review of all of its Group 1 balances, complete corrections and true-ups and bring balances forward for disposition in its next rate application.

## **9 THE LOST REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM VARIANCE ACCOUNT BALANCE**

As part of the Ministry of Energy's conservation-first policy,<sup>12</sup> the OEB requires distributors to engage in, and deliver, conservation and demand management (CDM) activities to reduce total energy consumption. The OEB policy<sup>13</sup> established a Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) to capture the distributor's revenue implications resulting from differences between actual demand and the last OEB-approved load forecast. These differences are to be recorded by distributors at the rate class level.

A distributor may apply for the disposition of the balance in the LRAMVA on an annual basis, as part of its IRM application, if the balance is deemed significant by the distributor. A request for the inclusion of lost revenues from demand response programs as part of the LRAMVA, must be addressed through a cost of service application.<sup>14</sup>

PUC Distribution requested disposition of its LRAMVA debit balance of \$194,818. The LRAMVA balance consists of lost revenues in 2013, 2014 and 2015 from CDM programs delivered from 2011 to 2015, as well as carrying charges. The conservation savings claimed by PUC Distribution were determined by the IESO.<sup>15</sup> Actual conservation savings were compared against PUC Distribution's forecasted

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<sup>12</sup> Ministry of Energy Policy Conservation First: A Renewed Vision for Energy Conservation in Ontario in the government's 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan, Achieving Balance

<sup>13</sup> Guidelines for Electricity Distributor Conservation and Demand Management (EB-2012-0003, dated April 26, 2012)

<sup>14</sup> Report of the Ontario Energy Board; Updated Policy for the Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Calculation: Lost Revenues and Peak Demand Savings from Conservation and Demand Management Programs (EB-2016-0182, dated May 19, 2016)

<sup>15</sup> The Ontario Power Authority was responsible for CDM program evaluation prior to 2015.

conservation savings of 9,399,059 kWh included in the its most recent load forecast, which was set out in PUC Distribution's 2013 cost of service application.<sup>16</sup>

## Findings

PUC Distribution's LRAMVA balance has been calculated in accordance with the CDM Guidelines and updated LRAMVA policy. The OEB approves the disposition of the LRAMVA debit balance of \$194,818.

### LRAMVA Balance for Disposition

Account Name	Account Number	Actual CDM	Forecasted CDM	Carrying	Total Claim (\$) D=(A-B)+C
		Savings (\$)	Savings (\$)	Charges (\$)	
		A	B	C	
LRAMVA	1568	\$642,921	\$453,078	\$4,975	\$194,818

## 10 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB residential rate design policy<sup>17</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

In last year's IRM<sup>18</sup> proceeding, the OEB approved a five year transition to fully fixed rates for PUC Distribution. PUC Distribution has proposed to continue this five year

<sup>16</sup> EB-2012-0162

<sup>17</sup> Ibid page 2

<sup>18</sup> EB-2015-0098

transition for 2017 rates. PUC Distribution's implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$3.32. 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 transition plan approved for 2016 rates. The results of the monthly fixed charge, and total bill impact for low consumption residential consumers show that no further mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final rate model.

# **11 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER**

## **Rate Model**

This Decision and Rate Order is accompanied by a rate model, applicable supporting models and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). Entries in the models were reviewed to ensure that they are in accordance with PUC Distribution's EB-2012-0162 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 PUC Distribution 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. PUC Distribution Inc. 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**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2016-0102**

**DATED: March 30, 2017**

**PUC Distribution Inc.**  
**TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES**  
**Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2017**  
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## RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a single family unit, non-commercial. This can be a separately metered living accommodation, town house, apartment, semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex with residential zoning. 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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

## MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	16.79
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$	0.05
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0059

## 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 applies to a non residential 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. 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	\$	17.11
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0205
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0019
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055

### 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 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly peak demand used for billing purposes over the past 12 months 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.

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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	\$	114.46
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.4372
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	0.0680
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	0.0101
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2455
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.8240

### 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 applies 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 customer will provide detailed manufacturer information documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the Distributor's Conditions of Service.

### APPLICATION

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	\$	12.69
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0310
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kWh	(0.0012)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055

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Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
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## SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to safety/security lighting with a Residential or General Service customer. This is typically exterior lighting, and unmetered. Consumption is estimated based on the equipment rating and estimated hours of use. Class B consumers are defined in accordance with O. Reg. 429/04. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's

### APPLICATION

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.93
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	27.3551
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	(1.0749)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	0.0793
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7021

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

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### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.94
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	19.1736
Rate Rider for Disposition of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	(0.6973)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2017) - effective until April 30, 2018	\$/kW	0.0620
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.6935

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
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**microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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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)

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**SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES**

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**Customer Administration**

Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
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	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge - no disconnection - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at meter - after hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/reconnect charge - at pole - after hours	\$	415.00
Install/remove load control device - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/remove load control device - after regular hours	\$	185.00

**Other**

Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Service call - customer-owned equipment		Time & Materials
Service call - after regular hours		Time & Materials
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer		Time & Materials
Temporary service - install & remove - underground - no transformer		Time & Materials
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - with transformer		Time & Materials
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	22.35
Removal of overhead lines - during regular hours		Time & Materials
Removal of overhead lines - after hours		Time & Materials
Roadway escort - after regular hours		Time & Materials

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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	1.0489
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0385

**Schedule B**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

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

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**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