



EB-2011-0166

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Essex Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Karen Taylor
Presiding Member

Paula Conboy
Member

FINAL RATE ORDER
(Original issued on April 30, 2012, corrected on May 3, 2012)

Essex Powerlines Corporation (“Essex”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on November 4, 2011, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Essex charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012 (the “Application”). The Board assigned file number EB-2011-0166 to the Application.

On April 4, 2012 the Board issued its Decision and Order (the “Decision”) on the Application. In the Decision, the Board directed Essex to re-file the ED Disposition 1562 Balance Excel Worksheet reflecting the determinations of the Board. The Board ordered Essex to file a draft Rate Order that includes revised models in Microsoft Excel format and a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board’s findings within 7 days of the Decision.

On April 11, 2012 Essex filed a draft Rate Order including the associated models and a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges. On April 17, 2012, Board staff submitted a letter containing comments on the draft Rate Order. Board staff identified inaccuracies contained in Essex's draft Rate Order, particularly with respect to the calculation of rate riders for the recovery of the lost revenue adjustment mechanism ("LRAM") claim and the balance of Account 1562. Board staff submitted that the correct rate riders for recovery of the LRAM claim are those calculated in Essex's Reply Submission¹. Regarding the balance of Account 1562, Board staff suggested changes that Essex should make to its ED Disposition 1562 Balance Worksheet in order to calculate a balance that is reflective of the Board's Decision. Board staff submitted that these corrections should result in a credit balance of \$122,770 including carrying charges to April 30, 2012.

On April 23, 2012, Essex filed a reply to Board staff's comments including revised models and a revised draft Tariff of Rates and Charges. Essex agreed with Board staff that the correct LRAM rate riders are those calculated in its Reply Submission. Essex also filed a revised ED Disposition 1562 Balance Worksheet containing the changes recommended by Board staff. Essex submitted that the requested changes produced a revised disposition amount of a credit balance of \$109,924. This amount varied from the Board staff amount of a credit balance of \$122,770.

The Board has reviewed the information provided by Essex in its draft Rate Order and reply to Board staff's comments. The Board finds that Essex's credit balance of \$109,924 for Account 1562 is appropriate and reflective of the Board's Decision and Order. The Board approves the disposition of this balance in Account 1562 on a final basis, over a one year period, May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013. The Board is satisfied that the draft Tariff of Rates and Charges filed by Essex on April 23, 2012 accurately reflects the Board's Decision and Order.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Final Rate Order will become final effective May 1, 2012, and will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2012. Essex shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

¹ EB-2011-0166, Final Reply Submission, p.7

DATED at Toronto, April 30, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix A

To Final Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No: EB-2011-0166

DATED: April 30, 2012

Essex Powerlines Corporation

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2012

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 an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartment building also qualify as residential customers. 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	\$	12.68
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0149
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0023
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0126)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0046

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	33.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0113
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0025
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0126)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 2,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	214.62
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.0385
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3506
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2431)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	1.0218
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.1219)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(5.3132)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM) Recovery – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0349
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0283)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4752
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7517
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.0491
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.9423

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE 3,000 to 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	1,408.58
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.3062
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4094
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(1.0514)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	4.7135
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.6753)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(23.9176)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0266)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.0491
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9423

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account 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 consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	9.01
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0281
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0007)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0021
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0126)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.74
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.868
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2816
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2610)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.8496
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.1061)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(4.5914)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0820)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9056
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3353

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
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 photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	2.67
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.2326
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2798
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.1344)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.781
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(0.0940)
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(4.1576)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0699)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8790
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3268

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0052
Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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microFIT GENERATOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Ontario Power Authority'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	\$	5.25
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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		
Arrears Certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	
15.00		
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Income tax Letter	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque charge (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	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 Regular Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00
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	\$	1000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	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	1.0602
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0496

Original Issuance Date: April 30, 2012
Corrected Issuance Date: May 3, 2012