



EB-2012-0081

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 Burlington Hydro Inc. for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to Smart Meter deployment, to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

FINAL RATE ORDER

July 12, 2012

Introduction

Burlington Hydro Inc. (“Burlington Hydro”), a licensed distributor of electricity, filed an application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on February 29, 2012 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 Burlington Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2012.

Burlington Hydro sought Board approval for the disposition and recovery of costs related to smart meter deployment, offset by Smart Meter Funding Adder (“SMFA”) revenues collected from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2012. Burlington Hydro requested

approval of proposed Smart Meter Disposition Riders (“SMDRs”) and Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement Rate Riders (“SMIRRs”) effective May 1, 2012.

In its Decision and Order on the Application issued on June 21, 2012, the Board ordered Burlington Hydro to file with the Board a draft Rate Order attaching a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges reflecting the Board’s findings, within 7 days of the date of the Decision and Order. The draft Rate Order was also to include customer rate impacts and detailed supporting information showing the calculation of the final rates.

On June 28, 2012, Burlington Hydro filed revised models and a proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges. On July 3, 2012, Board staff filed a submission noting that the SMFA revenues as updated by Burlington Hydro appeared to include two months of revenue received in April 2012, unlike the evidence originally submitted with the Application, and requesting an explanation. VECC did not submit any comments on the documents filed.

On July 5, 2012, Burlington replied that the SMFA amounts included in the models reflect April 2012 amounts billed in May 2012 as a result of the timing of the billing cycle and confirmed that they are correct.

The Board has reviewed the information provided by Burlington Hydro and the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that the Tariff of Rates and Charges accurately reflects the Board’s Decision.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

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

DATED at Toronto, July 12, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

**Appendix A
To Final Rate Order**

Burlington Hydro Inc.

Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board File No: EB-2012-0081

DATED: July 12, 2012

Burlington Hydro Inc.
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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to low voltage connection assets that operate at 750 volts or less and supply electrical energy to residential customers where such energy is used exclusively in 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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	12.23
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	(0.36)
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	2.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0166
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – 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, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0020)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism/Shared Savings Mechanism Recovery – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0057

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	\$	25.41
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	8.51
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	6.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0136
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – 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, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0018)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism/Shared Savings Mechanism Recovery – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050

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 4,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to general service customers with a monthly average peak demand during a calendar year equal to or greater than, or is forecast by BHI to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	72.42
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2013	\$	2.30
Rate Rider for Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – in effect until the effective date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	4.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.8586
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1240
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.3447
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2906)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.5791)
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism/Shared Savings Mechanism Recovery – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	0.0142
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0293)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7743
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0851
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.8145
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.2011

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Rural Rate Protection Charge	\$/kWh	0.0011
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25
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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	10.29
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0178
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – 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, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0009
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0006)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	0.61
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.4088
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1089
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.3201
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.3359)
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.6571)
Rate Rider for Tax Adjustments – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0772)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0568
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5664

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)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Non-Payment of Account		
Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	30.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter During Regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter After Hours	\$	185.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
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	1.0405
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0301
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A