



EB-2012-0348

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application St. Thomas Energy Inc. for an order approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution rates related to smart meters to be effective May 1, 2012.

BEFORE: Ken Quesnelle
Presiding Member

Marika Hare
Member

**Rate Order
January 3, 2013**

St. Thomas Energy Inc. (“STEI”) filed a cost of service application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on August 9, 2012 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) (the “Act”), seeking approval for changes to the rates that STEI charges for electricity distribution, effective May 1, 2012.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing dated September 10, 2012.

On December 13, 2012 the Board issued its Decision and Order. In response to the Board’s Direction, STEI filed its Tariff of Rates and Charges on December 19, 2012. No comments were received.

The Board has reviewed the Tariff of Rates and Charges and is satisfied that STEI has properly implemented the Board’s Decision and Order. The Board finds the rates attached in Appendix “A” properly reflects its Decision and Order.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges for St. Thomas Energy Inc. set out in Appendix “A” of this Rate Order is approved effective January 1, 2013 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after January 1, 2013. St. Thomas Energy Inc. shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than with the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, January 3, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

TO RATE ORDER

St. Thomas Energy Inc.

2012 Electricity Distribution Rates

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TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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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	\$	11.46
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014	\$	0.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – effective until the date of the next cost cost of service-based rate order	\$	2.02
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0159
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0069)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2012) April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0070
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0055

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	\$	17.15
Rate Rider for Disposition of Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014	\$	4.24
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – effective until the date of The next cost cost of service-based rate order	\$	4.65
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0148
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0051
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	(0.0008)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0065)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0069
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0051

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 refers to a non residential account whose monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast 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	\$	70.97
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2014	\$	10.80
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – effective until the date of the next cost of service-based rate order	\$	9.12
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.1767
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1102
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.9365
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.3156)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(2.2190)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2011) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	0.1925
Rate Rider for Recovery of Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (LRAM)/Shared Savings Mechanism (SSM) (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	0.0270
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0101)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.7425
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.0684

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 an account for individual lighting on private property 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)	\$	4.72
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	5.7103
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.1176
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013		
Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.8351
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2510)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(2.8121)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0526)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.7240
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2993

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)	\$	2.51
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	0.0245
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	0.0988
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Sub-Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	1.8376
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2010) – effective until April 30, 2014	\$/kW	(0.2823)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Account Disposition (2012) – effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(2.4720)
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change - effective until April 30, 2013	\$/kW	(0.0314)
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.1149
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5948

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
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 charge (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
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 at meter – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at meter – after regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
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
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge at customer's request - at meter during regular hours	\$	65.00

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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	1.0350
Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0247
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer > 5,000 kW	N/A