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FINAL RATE ORDER

EB-2019-0067

SIoux LOOKOUT HYDRO INC.

Final Rate Order for rates and other charges effective May 1, 2020 and implemented November 1, 2020

By Delegation, Before: Theodore Antonopoulos

October 8, 2020

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

In its Decision and Rate Order in this proceeding, issued April 16, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved new electricity distribution rates for Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc. (Sioux Lookout Hydro), with an effective date of May 1, 2020. In consideration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision and Rate Order also granted Sioux Lookout Hydro the option to postpone implementation of its new rates, and to track temporarily forgone revenue in a deferral and variance account.

Through this Final Rate Order, the OEB authorizes Sioux Lookout Hydro to implement its new rates on November 1, 2020, including a rate rider for the recovery of forgone revenues resulting from postponing rate implementation in response to COVID-19. The rider, entitled Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation, will be effective until April 30, 2021.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$0.99, before taxes and the Ontario Electricity Rebate for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective November 1, 2020.

The estimated monthly total bill continues to include the effect of the Distribution Rate Protection (DRP) program. The DRP program caps the base distribution charge for certain residential customers in the province of Ontario. Sioux Lookout Hydro is one of eight electricity distributors in Ontario to which the DRP applies.¹ This tax-funded program has been in effect since July 2017 and the current monthly distribution charge is capped at \$36.86.

¹ O. Reg. 198/17, s. 2

THE PROCESS

Sioux Lookout Hydro filed an Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism (IRM) application with the OEB on November 8, 2019, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates.

On April 16, 2020, the OEB issued its Decision and Rate Order approving Sioux Lookout Hydro's new rates, with an effective date of May 1, 2020. However, in light of the uncertainty regarding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 emergency, the Decision and Rate Order also granted Sioux Lookout Hydro the option to postpone implementation of its new rates and to track temporarily forgone revenue in Account 1509, Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues.

On April 23, 2020, Sioux Lookout Hydro filed a letter with the OEB, advising that the utility had elected to postpone the implementation of its new rates.

On April 17, 2020, the OEB issued [initial implementation guidance](#) to all distributors who had been authorized to postpone implementation of their 2020 rates. The OEB advised that distribution revenue associated with the postponement of the implementation should be tracked separately, by customer class, within Account 1509 - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, Sub-account Lost Revenues, and may include the following components, as applicable:

- impacts arising from the postponement of changes to monthly fixed service charges and variable distribution charges
- forgone distribution revenue due to the postponement of the implementation of an approved Incremental Capital Module
- impacts arising from the postponement of the change in the microFIT monthly fixed service charge

On August 6, 2020, the OEB issued an [Accounting Order](#), a COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider Model, and associated filing instructions and account guidance for those utilities that wished to seek recovery of forgone revenue, the implementation of their 2020 rate increase, or both. In the Accounting Order, the OEB established a new sub-account under the Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency Account, called the Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation sub-Account. The OEB advised that this new sub-account was to be used to record forgone revenues due to the postponement of rate implementation as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. The OEB further explained that any utility that had already recorded forgone revenue amounts due to postponing rate implementation in the Lost Revenues sub-account was

to transfer these amounts to the Forgone Revenues from Postponing Rate Implementation sub-account.

The OEB required utilities that wished to seek recovery of forgone revenue, the increase to their 2020 base rates, or both, to provide their calculations for the forgone revenue rate rider (if applicable) and tariff of rates and charges as part of the COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider model by September 15, 2020.

COVID-19 FORGONE REVENUE RECOVERY

Sioux Lookout Hydro seeks authorization to implement its new rates on November 1, 2020, to recover forgone distribution revenue in the amount of \$17,717 over a six-month period, and to provide a one-time payment to its microFIT rate class customers.

In support of its request, and in accordance with the OEB's prior instructions in this proceeding, Sioux Lookout Hydro filed its COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rate Rider Model (which also calculates class-specific rate riders), on September 10, 2020. An updated model was filed on October 1, 2020.

FINDINGS

The OEB has reviewed Sioux Lookout Hydro's request for implementation of 2020 distribution rates, recovery of COVID-19 forgone revenue, proposal to provide a one-time payment to its microFIT rate class customers, as well as the revised Tariff of Rates and Charges, and is satisfied that they accurately reflect the Decision and Rate Order issued on April 16, 2020.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Final Rate Order is approved effective May 1, 2020 and is to be implemented November 1, 2020. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed, or estimated to have been consumed, on and after November 1, 2020. Sioux Lookout Hydro 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, October 8, 2020

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long
Registrar

Schedule A

To Final Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2019-0067

DATED: October 8, 2020

Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.
TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES
Effective May 1, 2020
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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 separate 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. All customers are single-phase. 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	\$	48.69
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$	0.81
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1575 - effective until September 30, 2023	\$	0.22
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0050
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0151)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0010
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0018

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	47.15
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$	0.79
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1575 - effective until September 30, 2023	\$	0.47
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0104
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0151)
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0002
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kWh	0.0010
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0064
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0013

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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 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. Note that for the application of the Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate and the Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate the following sub-classifications apply:

General Service 50 to 1,000 kW non-interval metered
General Service 50 to 1,000 kW interval metered
General Service >1,000 to 4,999 kW interval metered.

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.

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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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	383.62
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$	6.39
Rate Rider for Disposition of Account 1575 - effective until September 30, 2023	\$	8.15
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.3389
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.5996
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0151)
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kW	0.0166
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.4588
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5669
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.5710
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered > 1,000 kW	\$/kW	2.7231
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered > 1,000 kW	\$/kW	0.6311

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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, 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)	\$	4.00
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$	0.07
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	11.1790
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2342
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0151)
Rate Rider for Recovery of COVID-19 Forgone Revenue from Postponing Rate Implementation - effective from November 1, 2020 and effective until April 30, 2021	\$/kW	0.1873
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2020) - effective until October 31, 2021	\$/kW	0.3767
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9360
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4416

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0030
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0005
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 Condition of Service.

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Service Charge	\$	4.55
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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.37)
Primary Metering Allowance for Transformer Losses - applied to measured demand & energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Statement of account	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned items (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	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

Non-Payment of Account

Late payment - per month (effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	110.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	245.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	245.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00

Other

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)	\$	44.50

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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	\$	102.00
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	40.80
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.02
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.61
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.61)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.51
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.02
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)	\$	4.08
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)	\$	2.04

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	1.0565
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0460