

## **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

EB-2024-0011

## CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2025

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Darryl Seal

Manager

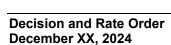
Electricity Distribution I

December XX, 2024

#### 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board is approving changes to the rates that Canadian Niagara Power Inc. (CNPI) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective January 1, 2025.

As a result of this Decision, there will be a monthly total bill decrease of \$3.72 for a residential customer with a monthly consumption of 750 kWh. This change does not factor in applicable taxes or the Ontario Electricity Rebate.



#### 2. CONTEXT AND PROCESS

CNPI filed its application on August 15, 2024 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and in accordance with <u>Chapter 3 (Incentive Rate-Setting Applications)</u> of the OEB's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications* (Filing Requirements). The application was based on the Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting (Price Cap IR) option, with a five-year term.

The Price Cap IR option is one of three incentive rate-setting mechanisms (IRM) used by the OEB.<sup>1</sup> It involves the setting of rates through a cost of service application in the first year and mechanistic price cap adjustments which may be approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing adjustment years.

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for processing IRM applications filed under Price Cap IR. In each adjustment year of a Price Cap IR term, the OEB prepares a Rate Generator Model that includes, as a placeholder, information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor then reviews, completes, and includes the model with its application, and may update the model during the proceeding to make any necessary corrections or to incorporate new rate-setting parameters as they become available.

CNPI serves approximately 37,461 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Fort Erie, City of Port Colborne and Town of Gananoque.

The application was supported by pre-filed written evidence and a completed Rate Generator Model and as required during the proceeding, CNPI updated and clarified the evidence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Each of these options is explained in the OEB's *Handbook for Utility Rate Applications*.

#### 3. DECISION OUTLINE

Each of the following issues is addressed in this Decision, together with the OEB's findings.

- Annual Adjustment Mechanism
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Low Voltage Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts

Instructions for implementing CNPI's new rates and charges are set out in the final section of this Decision.

This Decision does not address rates and charges approved by the OEB in prior proceedings, such as specific service charges<sup>2</sup> and loss factors, which are out of the scope of an IRM proceeding and for which no further approvals are required to continue to include them on the distributor's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Certain service charges are subject to annual inflationary adjustments to be determined by the OEB through a generic order. For example, the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0226, September 26, 2024, established the adjustment for energy retailer service charges, effective January 1, 2025; and the OEB's Decision and Order in EB-2024-0227, issued September 26, 2024, established the 2025 Wireline Pole Attachment Charge, effective January 1, 2025.

#### 4. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

CNPI has applied to change its rates, effective January 1, 2025. The proposed rate change is based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved **inflation minus X-factor** formula applicable to IRM applications. The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>3</sup>

The components of the Price Cap adjustment formula applicable to CNPI are set out in the table below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 3.15% increase to CNPI's rates: 3.15% = 3.60% - (0.00% + 0.45%).

	Components	Amount
Inflation factor <sup>4</sup>		3.60%
Less: X-factor	Productivity factor <sup>5</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch factor (0.00% to 0.60%) <sup>6</sup>	0.45%

**Table 4.1: Price Cap IR Adjustment Formula** 

An inflation factor of 3.60% applies to all IRM applications for the 2025 rate year. The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that varies among different groupings of distributors. Subtracting the X-factor from inflation ensures that rates decline in real, constant-dollar terms, providing distributors with a tangible incentive to improve efficiency or else experience declining net income. The productivity component of the X-factor is based on industry conditions over a historical study period and applies to all IRM applications for the 2025 rate year. The stretch factor component of the X-factor is one of five stretch factor groupings established by the OEB, ranging from 0.00% to 0.60%. The stretch factor assigned to any distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The stretch factor assigned to CNPI is 0.45%, resulting in a rate adjustment of 3.15%.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The adjustment does not apply to the following components of delivery rates: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, smart metering entity charge, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges (other than the Wireline Pole Attachment charge), and microFIT charge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> OEB Letter, 2025 Inflation Parameters, issued June 20, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Report of the Ontario Energy Board – "Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors" EB-2010-0379, December 4, 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Report to the Ontario Energy Board – "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2023 Benchmarking Update", prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., August 6, 2024

#### **Findings**

CNPI's request for a 3.15% rate increase is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and CNPI's new rates shall be effective January 1, 2025.



### 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES (RTSRs)

In Ontario, some distributors are connected directly to a licensed transmitter, while others may be embedded, or partially-embedded, within the distribution system of another licensed distributor. CNPI is partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system.

To recover its cost of transmission services, CNPI requests approval to adjust the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) that it charges its customers in accordance with the preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) and the proposed host distributor RTSRs currently in effect.

#### **Findings**

CNPI's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved.

The RTSRs have been adjusted based on the preliminary UTRs<sup>7</sup> and proposed host-RTSRs for Hydro One.<sup>8</sup>

If final UTRs and/or final host-RTSRs differ from the preliminary UTRs or proposed host-RTSRs, the resulting differences will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

 $<sup>^7</sup>$  EB-2024-0244, OEB Letter "2025 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates ", issued November 1, 2024

#### **6. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES**

CNPI is partially embedded within Hydro One's distribution system.

Low voltage transactions, which are not part of the wholesale electricity market, are charged to a distributor by its host distributor(s). To recover the cost of its low voltage transactions, CNPI requests approval to adjust its Low Voltage Service Rates that it charges its customers as part of this IRM application. The adjusted Low Voltage Service Rates are based on the current OEB-approved host distributor's sub-transmission rates and the most recent demand data for low voltage transactions.

#### **Findings**

CNPI's proposed adjustment to its Low Voltage Service Rates is approved. These rates have been updated based on the current OEB-approved host distributor's subtransmission rates. In the event that the OEB updates the approved host distributor's sub-transmission rates during CNPI's 2025 rate year, any resulting differences are to be captured in Account 1550 (LV Variance Account).

#### 7. GROUP 1 DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

In each year of an IRM term, the OEB will review a distributor's Group 1 deferral and variance accounts to determine whether those balances should be disposed of. OEB policy states that Group 1 account balances should be disposed of if they exceed, on a net basis (as a debit or credit), a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor can justify why balances should not be disposed of. If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition. In

The 2023 year-end net balance for CNPI's Group 1 accounts, excluding Accounts 1588 and 1589, eligible for disposition, including interest project to December 31, 2024, is a credit of \$960,916, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2023 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.002 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold.

CNPI's balances for accounts 1588 and 1589 were last cleared in its 2024 IRM Application. This final disposition included balances as of December 31, 2022, along with interest project to December 31, 2023. At this time, CNPI is not proposing to dispose of the eligible balances in accounts 1588 and 1589. CNPI is proposing the disposition of the other Group 1 balances as of December 31, 2023.

CNPI has requested disposition of this amount over a one-year period.

Included in the Group 1 accounts are certain variances related to costs that are paid for by a distributor's customers on different bases, depending on their classification. "Class A" customers, who participate in the Industrial Conservation Initiative, pay for Global Adjustment (GA) charges based on their contribution to the five highest Ontario demand peaks over a 12-month period. "Class B" customers pay for GA charges based on their monthly consumption, either as a standalone charge or embedded in the Regulated Price Plan (RPP). A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges. The balance in the GA variance account is attributable to non-RPP Class B customers and is disposed of through a separate rate rider. The balance in the CBR Class B variance account is attributable to all Class B customers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> OEB letter, "Update to the Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review ("EDDVAR Report"), released July 2009 (EB-2008-0046)", issued July 25, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For additional details on the Global Adjustment charge, refer to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)'s <u>website</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> All Class B customers (RPP and non-RPP) pay the CBR as a separate charge based on their monthly consumption. For additional details on the CBR for Class A customers, refer to the IESO's website.

CNPI had one or more Class A customers during the period in which variances accumulated so it has applied to have the balance of the CBR Class B variance account disposed of through a separate rate rider for Class B customers to ensure proper allocation between Class A and Class B customers.

#### **Findings**

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$960,915 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to December 31, 2024, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

Table 7.1 identifies the principal and interest amounts, which the OEB approves for disposition.

Table 7.1: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances

Account Name and Number		Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	18,370	1,572	19,942
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(58,694)	(3,732)	(62,426)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(574,644)	(34,933)	(609,577)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	44,236	481	44,717
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	(217,843)	(11,806)	(229,649)
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	(181,185)	(14,725)	(195,910)
Disposition and Recovery/ Refund of Regulatory Balances (2021)	1595	53,079	18,909	71,988
Total for Group 1 accounts		(916,681)	(44,234)	(960,915)

The balance of each of the Group 1 accounts approved for disposition shall be transferred to the applicable principal and interest carrying charge sub-accounts of

Account 1595. Such transfer shall be pursuant to the requirements specified in the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*. <sup>13</sup> The date of the transfer must be the same as the effective date for the associated rates, which is generally the start of the rate year.

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed of through final rate riders, charges, or payments, as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The final rate riders, charges, and payments, as applicable, will be in effect over a one-year period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 GA, Tab 6.1a GA Allocation, Tab 6.2 CBR B, Tab 6.2a CBR B\_Allocation and Tab 7 Calculation of Def-Var RR

#### 8. IMPLEMENTATION

This Decision and Order is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A). The Rate Generator Model also incorporates the following regulatory rates and charges set out in Table 8.1.

**Table 8.1: Regulatory Rates and Charges** 

Rates	per kWh (\$)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	0.0014
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	0.0004
Charges	(\$)
Smart Metering Entity Charge	0.42
microFIT Charge	5.00
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	0.25

Each of the rates is a component of the "Regulatory Charge" on a customer's bill, established annually by the OEB through a separate, generic order. The RRRP and WMS rates were set by the OEB on December 7, 2023.<sup>15</sup>

The Smart Metering Entity Charge is a component of the "Distribution Charge" on a customer's bill, established by the OEB through a separate order. The Smart Metering Entity Charge was set by the OEB on September 8, 2022.<sup>16</sup>

In the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*,<sup>17</sup> the OEB indicated that it will review the default province-wide microFIT charge annually to ensure it continues to reflect actual costs in accordance with the established methodology. On November 19, 2024, the OEB issued a letter advising electricity distributors that the microFIT charge shall be \$5.00 for the duration of the 2025 rate year (January 1 to December 31, 2025).<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> EB-2023-0268, Decision and Order, December 7, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EB-2010-0219, Report of the Board "Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy", March 31, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> OEB Letter, "Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification", issued November 19, 2024

#### 9. ORDER

#### 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 January 1, 2025 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Canadian Niagara Power 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, December XX, 2024

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD** 

Nancy Marconi Registrar

# SCHEDULE A DECISION AND RATE ORDER CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC. TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES EB-2024-0011 DECEMBER XX, 2024

#### Effective and Implementation Date January 1, 2025

This schedule supersedes and replaces all previously approved schedules of Rates, Charges and Loss Factors

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#### RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

The Residential Class (Regular) refers to a service taking electricity normally at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used for domestic and household purposes in a single family unit. A single family unit being a permanent structure located on a single parcel of land and approved by a civic authority as a dwelling and occupied for that purpose by a single customer. Residential rates are also applied to apartment buildings with 6 units or less that are bulk metered. Apartment buildings with more than 6 units that are bulk metered are deemed to be General Service. 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 Global Adjustment and the HST.

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	44.63
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0021)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0082
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to single commercial or industrial customer and whose average peak demand is (or is forecasted to be) less than 50 kW. Single commercial or industrial customers are interpreted as a structure or structures on a single parcel of land occupied by one customer. An apartment building with more than 6 units that is bulk metered and has an average peak demand less than 50 kW is deemed to be General Service less than 50 kW. The common area of a separately metered apartment building having a demand less than 50 kW is also deemed to be General Service 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	\$	37.61
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0305
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0047)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0091
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

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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 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 Global Adjustment and the HST.

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	188.60
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.9047
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1151
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31,		
2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0349
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(0.2079)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.8432
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9118

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25



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#### EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity distributor licensed by the Board, that is provided electricity by means of this distributor's facilities. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge	\$	678.63
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	10.2541
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.1151
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025		
Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0416
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(0.6274)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.8432
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.9118
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#### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical service to a customer that is deemed to have a constant load over a billing period, normally with minimum electrical consumption and the consumption is unmetered. Energy consumption is based on connected wattage and calculated hours of use. Examples of unmetered scattered load are cable television amplifiers, billboards, area lighting. 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 account)	\$	59.30
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0322
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0003
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kWh	(0.0016)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0094
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0072
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### STANDBY POWER SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

The Standby subclass charge is applied to a customer with load displacement facilities behind its meter but is dependent on Canadian Niagara Power Inc. to supply a minimum amount of electricity in the event the customer's own facilities are out of service. The minimum amount of supply that Canadian Niagara Power Inc. must supply is a contracted amount agreed upon between the customer and Canadian Niagara Power Inc. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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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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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - APPROVED ON AN INTERIM BASIS

Standby Charge - for a month where standby power is not provided. The charge is applied to the contracted amount (e.g. nameplate rating of generation facility)

\$/kW 1.4629

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#### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to all services required to supply sentinel lighting equipment. 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 (per device)	\$	6.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	7.8461
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0939
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31,		
2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0344
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(0.3399)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2751
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3762

#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component**

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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#### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to the supply of electrical service for roadway lighting. Energy consumption is based on connected wattage and calculated hours of use. Customers are usually a Municipality, Region or the Ministry of Transportation. 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 (per device)	\$	4.54
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.0629
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.0878
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0368
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until December 31, 2025	\$/kW	(20.4805)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.8446
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.2217
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0014
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 Conditions of Service.

#### **APPLICATION**

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#### **MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component**

Service Charge \$ 5.00

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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 & energy	%	(1.00)

#### SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration		
Arrears certificate (credit reference)	\$	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
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	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		
(effective annual rate 19.56% per annum or 0.04896% compounded daily rate)	%	1.50
Reconnection at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Reconnection at meter - after regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - during regular hours	\$	185.00
Reconnection at pole - after regular hours	\$	415.00
Other		
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
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	\$	1,000.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - per pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	39.14

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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	\$	121.23
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	48.50
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.20
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.71
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.71)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.61
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.20
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)	\$	4.85
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)	\$	2.34

#### **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	1.0524
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5.000 kW	1 0419