

# **DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

# EB-2024-0059

# WELLINGTON NORTH POWER INC.

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

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE:** 

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March XX, 2025

## 1. OVERVIEW

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is approving changes to the rates that Wellington North Power Inc. (Wellington North Power) charges to distribute electricity to its customers, effective May 1, 2025.

As a result of this Decision and Rate Order, there will be a monthly total bill increase of \$0.13 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

Wellington North Power filed its application on October 16, 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.

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.

Wellington North Power serves approximately 4,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the Town of Mount Forest, Village of Arthur, and Village of Holstein.

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

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

## 3. DECISION OUTLINE

Each of the following issues is addressed in this Decision and Rate Order, 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 Wellington North Power's new rates and charges are set out in the final section of this Decision and Rate Order.

This Decision and Rate Order 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

The Price Cap IR adjustment follows an OEB-approved formula that includes components for inflation and the OEB's expectations of efficiency and productivity gains.<sup>3</sup> The formula is an inflation minus X-factor rate adjustment, which is intended to incent innovation and efficiency.

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 OEB-approved productivity factor is currently set at 0%.

While the OEB applies a formulaic Price Cap IR adjustment, the OEB also monitors a distributor's earnings as part of the reporting and record-keeping requirements. Should a distributor's earnings fall outside of a dead band of +/- 300 basis points from the OEB-approved return on equity, a regulatory review may be triggered. In such cases, a distributor whose earnings are in excess of the dead band is expected to either refrain from seeking an adjustment to its base rates as part of its Price Cap IR application or provide justification for why an adjustment is warranted. Whether a distributor seeks the inflationary adjustment or not, it is not precluded from applying for other Price Cap IR elements, such as the disposition of deferral and variance account balances and the tax rate sharing mechanism.

The OEB-approved deemed rate of return, as set in Wellington North Power's 2021 Cost of Service application<sup>4</sup>, is 8.34%. Wellington North Power's return on equity for the 2023 rate year is 10.32%, which falls within the OEB's allowable range of +/-300 basis points from the expected return on equity. While the formulaic Price Cap IR adjustment would result in a 3.30% increase to Wellington North Power's current (2024) OEBapproved distribution rates, Wellington North Power has indicated that it does not wish to increase its distribution rates for the 2025 rate year, and has requested that the OEB

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Report on Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario's Electricity Distributors (December 4, 2013)
<sup>4</sup> EB-2020-0061

approve a 0.00% adjustment. This request is based on Wellington North Power's review of its financial and non-financial performance, as well as its strong return on equity in 2023.<sup>5</sup>

### Findings

The OEB approves Wellington North Power's request to forgo an increase to its base rates. Wellington North Power's new Tariff of Rates and Charges shall be effective May 1, 2025.

## 5. RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

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. Wellington North Power is fully embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One's) distribution system.

To recover its cost of transmission services, Wellington North Power requests approval to adjust the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) that it charges its customers in accordance with the host distributor's RTSRs currently in effect.

### Findings

Wellington North Power's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs based on the current OEBapproved host-RTSRs is approved.

Host-RTSRs<sup>6</sup> are typically approved annually by the OEB. In the event that the OEB updates the approved host-RTSRs during Wellington North Power's 2025 rate year, any resulting differences (from the prior-approved host-RTSRs) will be captured in Retail Settlement Variance Accounts 1584 (Retail Transmission Network Charge) and 1586 (Retail Transmission Connection Charge).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> EB-2024-0032, Rate Order, December 19, 2024

## 6. LOW VOLTAGE SERVICE RATES

Wellington North Power is fully 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, Wellington North Power requests approval to adjust the Low Voltage Service Rates that it charges its customers. The proposed 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

Wellington North Power's proposed adjustment to its Low Voltage Service Rates is approved. These rates have been updated based on Hydro One's current OEB-approved sub-transmission rates. In the event that the OEB updates Hydro One's sub-transmission rates during Wellington North Power'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.<sup>7</sup> If the net balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may still request disposition.<sup>8</sup>

The 2023 year-end net balance for Wellington North Power's Group 1 accounts eligible for disposition, including interest projected to April 30, 2025, is a debit of \$72,156, and pertains to variances accumulated during the 2023 calendar year. This amount represents a total claim of \$0.0006 per kWh, which does not exceed the disposition threshold.

Wellington North Power has requested disposition of this amount over a one-year period, even though the amount does not exceed the disposition threshold. Wellington North Power noted that the Filing Requirements allow distributors the flexibility to request the disposition of Group 1 account balances, even if these balances are below the threshold, and that this option depends on the distributor's assessment of the practicality of making such a request. Wellington North Power also stated that disposing of the Group 1 account balances on a final basis annually is a prudent approach for the following reasons:

- i. Minimizing Customer Impact of Cumulative Balances: Regularly disposing of Group 1 accounts every 12 months results in smaller rate riders, which mitigate the impact on customers' bills compared to the accumulation of larger balances over multiple years.
- ii. Consistent Debit Balances: Since 2019, Wellington North Power's Group 1 accounts have consistently shown debit balances. Addressing these balances annually ensures timely and consistent recovery.<sup>9</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Report of the OEB – "Electricity Distributors' Deferral and Variance Account Review Initiative" (EDDVAR), EB-2008-0046, July 31, 2009

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</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>9</sup> EB-2024-0059, Wellington North Power's Response to OEB Staff Questions, p. 8

monthly consumption, either as a standalone charge or embedded in the Regulated Price Plan (RPP).<sup>10</sup> A similar mechanism applies to Class A and Class B customers for Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges.<sup>11</sup> 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.

Wellington North Power 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.

During the period in which variances accumulated, Wellington North Power had one or more customers transition between Class A and Class B. Under the general principle of cost causality, customer groups that cause variances that are recorded in Group 1 accounts should be responsible for paying the debits (or receiving credits) for their disposal. Wellington North Power has proposed to allocate a portion of the GA and CBR Class B balances to its transition customers, based on their customer-specific consumption levels.<sup>12</sup>

Wellington North Power noted that applying the monthly equal payment method in accordance with the OEB's Rate Generator Model would result in the monthly collection of a GA amount of \$14.54 and a CBR Class B amount of \$13.92 from a single transition customer. This method, as stated by Wellington North Power, could be both time-consuming and inefficient. Wellington North Power requested to dispose of the allocated portion of the GA and CBR Class B balances through two one-time charges of \$174.54 and \$167.05 to the transition customer. Wellington North Power proposed to incorporate these adjustments to the customer's first electricity bill applying the OEB-approved 2025 distribution rates.<sup>13</sup> Wellington North Power identified that a similar approach was proposed, and accepted by the OEB, in its application<sup>14</sup> for 2024 distribution rates.

### Findings

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</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>11</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 <u>website</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 2025 IRM Rate Generator Model, Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation" and Tab 6.2a "CBR B\_Allocation"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Letter to the Ontario Energy Board, Proposal for one-time payment to a customer who transitioned from Class A to Class B, November 6, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> EB-2023-0057, Decision and Rate Order, March 21, 2024, pp. 9-10

The OEB approves the disposition of a debit balance of \$72,156 as of December 31, 2023, including interest projected to April 30, 2025, for Group 1 accounts on a final basis.

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

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	(34,791)	1,043	(33,748)
Smart Metering Entity Charge Variance Account	1551	(8,249)	(537)	(8,786)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(118,791)	(12,328)	(131,119)
Variance WMS – Sub- account CBR Class B	1580	4,109	131	4,240
RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	101,100	8,739	109,839
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	83,630	8,133	91,763
RSVA - Power	1588	33,422	4,895	38,317
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	2,437	(789)	1,648
Total for Group 1 acco	unts	62,868	9,288	72,156

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>15</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 May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.<sup>16</sup> The OEB also approves two one-time charges of the GA and CBR Class B balances to Wellington North Power's one transition customer as part of the customer's first electricity bill applying the OEB-approved 2025 distribution rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Article 220, Account Descriptions, *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</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 Rate 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.

Rates	per kWh (\$)
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	0.0015
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	16.33
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	0.25

### Table 8.1: Regulatory Rates and Charges

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 10, 2024.<sup>17</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>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> EB-2024-0282, Decision and Order, December 10, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> EB-2022-0137, Decision and Order, September 8, 2022

## 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 May 1, 2025 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. Wellington North 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, March, XX, 2025

### ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION**

This classification refers to the supply of electrical energy to Customers residing in residential dwelling units. Energy is generally supplied as single phase, 3-wire, 60-Hertz, having a nominal voltage of 120/240 Volts. 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 Service Charge	\$	43.41
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0040
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0116
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0095
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	0.0015
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 customers in General Service buildings with a connected load less than 50 kW, and Town Houses and Condominiums that require centralized bulk metering. General Service buildings are defined as buildings that are used for purposes other than single-family dwellings. 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 Service Charge	\$	51.63
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0212
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kWh	0.0006
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0108
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component		
Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0041

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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 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 1,000 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.

#### 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.

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 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 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 Service Charge	\$	308.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.5742
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2570
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kW	0.2089
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0214
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.4743
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.2078

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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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### **GENERAL SERVICE 1,000 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, 1,000 kW but less than 5,000 kW. 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.

#### 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.

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 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 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 Service Charge	\$	2,518.88
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	3.9617
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.3781
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kW	0.3035
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.7524
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.5169

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an account whose average monthly maximum 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, decorative street lighting, billboards, etc. The level of the consumption will be agreed to by the distributor and the customer, based on detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the unmetered load or periodic monitoring of actual consumption. 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 Service Charge (per connection)	\$	24.69
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0116
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0033
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kWh	0.0007
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0108
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0079
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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts for unmetered lighting loads supplied to sentinel lights. 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 Service Charge (per connection)	\$	9.24
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	34.1614
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9921
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0260
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kW	0.2392
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3914
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5317
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	0.0015
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, and Ministry of Transportation. 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.

#### APPLICATION

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Monthly Service Charge (per device)	\$	3.78
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	4.1567
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9719
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0001
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$/kW	0.2413
Rate Rider for Disposition of Capacity Based Recovery Account (2025) - effective until April 30, 2026 Applicable only for Class B Customers	\$/kW	0.0275
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3743
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.4803
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	0.0015
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

Monthly Service Charge

16.33

\$

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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

#### APPLICATION

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Customer Administration		
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (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		
(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		
Interval meter load management tool charge \$/month	\$	50.00
Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call - customer-owned equipment - after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service - install & remove - overhead - no transformer	\$	500.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/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)	\$	2.42

### 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

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Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0502