



**Ontario Energy Board  
Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

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**DECISION AND RATE ORDER**

**EB-2017-0065**

**NORTH BAY HYDRO DISTRIBUTION  
LIMITED**

**Application for an order approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2018.**

**By Delegation, Before: Jane Scott**

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**March 22, 2018**

# 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Through this Decision and Order, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approves the incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application filed by North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited (North Bay Hydro) on October 16, 2017, as amended during the course of the proceeding.

North Bay Hydro serves about 24,000 mostly residential and commercial electricity customers in the City of North Bay. The company is seeking the OEB's approval for the rates it charges to distribute electricity to its customers, as is required of licenced and rate-regulated distributors in Ontario.

A distributor may choose one of three rate-setting methodologies approved by the OEB. Each of these is explained in the OEB's [Chapter 3 Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-Setting Applications](#) (the Filing Requirements).

North Bay Hydro's application is based on a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting option (Price Cap IR) with a five-year term. The Price Cap IR option involves the setting of rates through a cost of service (COS or rebasing) application in the first year. Mechanistic price cap adjustments, based on inflation and the OEB's assessment of the distributor's efficiency, are then approved through IRM applications in each of the ensuing four (adjustment) years.

As a result of the OEB's findings in this Decision, there will be a monthly bill increase of \$2.25 for a residential customer consuming 750 kWh, effective May 1, 2018.

North Bay Hydro has also applied to change the composition of its distribution service rates. Residential distribution service rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. In 2015, the OEB issued a policy to transition these rates to a fully fixed structure over a four-year period beginning in 2016.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the fixed monthly charge for 2018 has once again been adjusted upward in this Decision by more than the mechanistic price cap adjustment alone. The variable usage rate is commensurately lower. This policy change does not affect the total revenue that distributors collect from residential customers.

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<sup>1</sup> OEB Policy – "A New Distribution Rate Design for Residential Electricity Customers" EB-2012-0410, April 2, 2015

## 2 THE PROCESS

This Decision is being issued by delegated authority, without a hearing, under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the OEB Act).

The OEB follows a standardized and streamlined process for 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 information from the distributor's past proceedings and annual reporting requirements. A distributor will then review and complete the Rate Generator Model and include it with its application. During the course of the proceeding, the Rate Generator Model will also be updated or corrected, as required.

The Rate Generator Model updates base rates, retail transmission service rates and, if applicable, shared tax saving adjustments. It also calculates rate riders for the disposition of deferral and variance account balances.

North Bay Hydro filed its application on October 16, 2017, under section 78 of the OEB Act and in accordance with the Filing Requirements. North Bay Hydro supported its application with written evidence and a completed rate model. Questions were asked of, and answers were provided by, North Bay Hydro through emails and phone calls with the OEB. Based on this information, a draft decision was prepared and provided to North Bay Hydro on March 15, 2018. North Bay Hydro was given the opportunity to provide its comments on the draft for consideration prior to the OEB issuing this Decision.

## 3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DECISION

In this Decision, the OEB addresses the following issues, and provides reasons for approving or denying North Bay Hydro's proposals relating to each of them:

- Price Cap Adjustment
- Retail Transmission Service Rates
- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts
- Residential Rate Design
- Other Matters

In the final section, the OEB addresses the steps to implement the final rates that flow from this Decision.

## 4 PRICE CAP ADJUSTMENT

North Bay Hydro seeks to increase its rates, effective May 1, 2018, based on a mechanistic rate adjustment using the OEB-approved *inflation minus X-factor* formula applicable to Price Cap IR applications.

The components of the Price Cap IR adjustment formula applicable to North Bay Hydro are set out in Table 4.1, below. Inserting these components into the formula results in a 0.90% increase to North Bay Hydro's rates:  $0.90\% = 1.20\% - (0.00\% + 0.30\%)$ .

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

Components		Amount
Inflation Factor <sup>2</sup>		1.20%
X-Factor	Productivity <sup>3</sup>	0.00%
	Stretch (0.00% – 0.60%) <sup>4</sup>	0.30%

The inflation factor of 1.20% applies to all Price Cap IR applications for the 2018 rate year.

The X-factor is the sum of the productivity factor and the stretch factor. It is a productivity offset that will vary 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 Price Cap IR applications for the 2018 rate year.

The stretch factor component of the X-factor is distributor specific. The OEB has established five stretch factor groupings, each within a range from 0.00% to 0.60%. The

<sup>2</sup> Report of the OEB – “Rate Setting Parameters and Benchmarking under the Renewed Regulatory Framework for Ontario’s Electricity Distributors” EB-2010-0379, December 4, 2013

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> The stretch factor groupings are based on the Report to the Ontario Energy Board – “Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2016 Benchmarking Update”, prepared by Pacific Economics Group LLC., July 2017

stretch factor assigned to any particular distributor is based on the distributor's total cost performance as benchmarked against other distributors in Ontario. The most efficient distributor would be assigned the lowest stretch factor of 0.00%. Conversely, a higher stretch factor would be applied to a less efficient distributor (in accordance with its cost performance relative to expected levels) to reflect the incremental productivity gains that the distributor is expected to achieve. The stretch factor assigned to North Bay Hydro is 0.30%.

## Findings

The OEB finds that North Bay Hydro's request for a 0.90% Price Cap IR adjustment is in accordance with the annually updated parameters set by the OEB. The adjustment is approved, and North Bay Hydro's new rates shall be effective May 1, 2018.

The adjustment applies to distribution rates (fixed and variable charges) uniformly across all customer classes.<sup>5</sup>

## 5 RETAIL TRANSMISSION SERVICE RATES

Distributors charge retail transmission service rates (RTSRs) to their customers to recover the amounts they pay to a transmitter, a host distributor or both for transmission services. All transmitters charge Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs) approved by the OEB to distributors connected to the transmission system. Host distributors charge host-RTSRs to distributors embedded within the host's distribution system.

North Bay Hydro is transmission connected, partially embedded within Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution system and is requesting approval to adjust the RTSRs that it charges its customers to reflect the rates that it pays for transmission services included in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2.

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<sup>5</sup> Price Cap IR and Annual IR Index adjustments do not apply to the following rates and charges: rate riders, rate adders, low voltage service charges, retail transmission service rates, wholesale market service rate, rural or remote electricity rate protection charge, standard supply service – administrative charge, transformation and primary metering allowances, loss factors, specific service charges, microFIT charge, and retail service charges.

Table 5.1: UTRs<sup>6</sup>

Current Approved UTRs (2018)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.61
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.95
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$2.34

Table 5.2: Hydro One Networks Inc. Sub-Transmission Host-RTSRs<sup>7</sup>

Current Approved Sub-Transmission RTSRs (2017)	per kWh
Network Service Rate	\$3.19
<u>Connection Service Rates</u>	
Line Connection Service Rate	\$0.77
Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$1.75

## Findings

North Bay Hydro's proposed adjustment to its RTSRs is approved. The RTSRs were adjusted based on the current host-RTSRs and the UTRs current at the time of the filing. The OEB finds that the new 2018 UTRs are to be incorporated into the rate model to adjust the RTSRs that North Bay Hydro will charge its customers accordingly.

The differences resulting from the approval of new 2018 RTSRs will be captured in Accounts 1584 and 1586 for future disposition.

## 6 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 in order to determine whether their total balance should be

<sup>6</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2017-0359, February 1, 2018

<sup>7</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0081, December 21, 2016

disposed.<sup>8</sup> OEB policy requires that Group 1 accounts be disposed if they exceed (as a debit or credit) a pre-set disposition threshold of \$0.001 per kWh, unless a distributor justifies why balances should not be disposed.<sup>9</sup> If the balance does not exceed the threshold, a distributor may elect to request disposition.

The 2016 actual year-end total balance for North Bay Hydro's Group 1 accounts including interest projected to April 30, 2018 is a credit of \$1,300,650. This amount represents a total credit claim of \$0.0022 per kWh, which exceeds the disposition threshold. North Bay Hydro proposes the disposition of this credit amount over a one-year period.

Included in the balance of the Group 1 accounts is the Global Adjustment (GA) account credit balance of \$892,549. A customer's costs for the commodity portion of its electricity service reflects the sum of two charges: the price of electricity established by the operation of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administered wholesale market, and the GA.<sup>10</sup>

The GA is paid by consumers in several different ways:

- For Regulated Price Plan (RPP) customers, the GA is incorporated into the standard commodity rates, therefore there is no variance account for the GA.
- Customers who participate in the Ontario Industrial Conservation Initiative program are referred to as Class A customers. These customers are assessed GA costs through a peak demand factor that is based on the percentage their demand contributes to the top five Ontario system peaks. This factor determines a Class A customer's allocation for a year-long billing period that starts in July every year. As distributors settle with Class A customers based on the actual GA costs there is no resulting variance.
- Class B non-RPP customers pay the GA charge based on the amount of electricity they consume in a month (kWh). Class B non-RPP customers are

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<sup>8</sup> Group 1 accounts track the differences between the costs that a distributor is billed for certain IESO and host distributor services (including the cost of power) and the associated revenues that the distributor receives from its customers for these services. The total net difference between these costs and revenues is disposed to customers through a temporary charge or credit known as a rate rider.

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

<sup>10</sup> The GA is established monthly, by the IESO, and varies in accordance with market conditions. It is the difference between the market price and the sum of the rates paid to regulated and contracted generators and conservation and demand management (demand response) program costs.

billed GA based on the IESO published GA price. For Class B non-RPP customers, distributors track any difference between the billed amounts and actual costs in the GA Variance Account for disposal, once audited.

North Bay Hydro proposes the recovery of its GA variance account credit balance of \$892,549 as at December 31, 2016, including interest to April 30, 2018, in accordance with the following table.

**Table 6.1: Recovery of GA Variance**

Proposed Amounts	Proposed Method for Recovery
\$892,549 refunded to customers who were Class B for the entire period from January 2016 to December 2016	per kWh rate rider

The balance of the Group 1 accounts includes a credit of \$24,918 for the recovery of Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) charges for Class B customers related to the IESO's wholesale energy market Demand Response 3 program. Distributors paid CBR charges to the IESO in 2016 and recorded these to a dedicated sub-account. The disposition of this sub-account is impacted by whether or not a distributor had any customers who were part of Class A during the period from January 2016 to December 2016. North Bay Hydro had one Class A customer during this period and requested that the disposition of the CBR credit be treated in the same manner as was approved in its 2017 IRM application, which is described below.

North Bay Hydro had a Class A customer during the period from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. This customer is the lone customer that resides in North Bay Hydro's General Service 3000 to 4999 kW class. This customer is not a wholesale market participant. In its 2017 IRM application<sup>11</sup>, North Bay Hydro requested to combine the CBR amount for Class B customers with the generic Deferral and Variance Account Balances (which excludes GA). North Bay Hydro stated that it "believes it to be more cost effective to set up one rate rider for Group 1 balances rather than maintain two separate rate riders in the system for the segregation of one customer. North Bay Hydro's position is that it is burdensome to the utility and of no value to the customer to have an additional Deferral/Variance Accounts rate rider."<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup> EB-2016-0214

<sup>12</sup> Decision and Rate Order, EB-2016-0214, March 30, 2017, page 8

In the OEB's 2017 decision<sup>13</sup>, the OEB approved North Bay Hydro's request.

The remaining Group 1 accounts being sought for disposition, through the general Deferral and Variance Account rate rider, include the following flow through variance accounts: Low Voltage Charges, Smart Meter Entity Charges, Wholesale Market Service Charges (including CBR sub-account), Retail Transmission Service Charges, and Commodity Power Charges. These Group 1 accounts have a total credit balance of \$408,101, which results in a refund to customers.

The balances proposed for disposition reconcile with the amounts reported as part of the OEB's *Electricity Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements*.<sup>14</sup> North Bay Hydro further notes that its proposal for a one-year disposition period is in accordance with the OEB's policy.<sup>15</sup> OEB staff noted that the amounts should be disposed on a final basis.

## Findings

The OEB approves the disposition of a credit balance of \$1,300,650 as of December 31, 2016, including interest projected to April 30, 2018 for Group 1 accounts.

The following table identifies the principal and interest amounts which the OEB approves for disposition.

**Table 6.2: Group 1 Deferral and Variance Account Balances**

Account Name	Account Number	Principal Balance (\$) A	Interest Balance (\$) B	Total Claim (\$) C=A+B
LV Variance Account	1550	31,399	631	32,031
Smart Meter Entity Variance Charge	1551	(818)	(18)	(836)
RSVA - Wholesale Market Service Charge	1580	(510,091)	(8,035)	(518,126)
Variance WMS - Sub-account CBR Class B	1580	(23,404)	(1,514)	(24,918)

<sup>13</sup> EB-2016-0214, Decision and Rate Order issued March 30, 2017

<sup>14</sup> Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, Version dated May 3, 2016

<sup>15</sup> As outlined in the Report cited at footnote [13] above.

RSVA - Retail Transmission Network Charge	1584	38,813	347	39,161
RSVA - Retail Transmission Connection Charge	1586	125,156	2,548	127,703
RSVA – Power	1588	(63,502)	387	(63,116)
RSVA - Global Adjustment	1589	(875,257)	(17,292)	(892,549)
<b>Totals for all Group 1 accounts</b>		(1,277,704)	(22,946)	(1,300,650)

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 Article 220, Account Descriptions, of the *Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors*.<sup>16</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. North Bay Hydro shall ensure these adjustments are included in the reporting period ending June 30, 2018 (Quarter 2).

The OEB approves these balances to be disposed through rate riders as calculated in the Rate Generator Model. The rate riders, will be in effect over a one-year period from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.<sup>17</sup>

The OEB approves North Bay Hydro's requests to combine the CBR credit for Class B customers with the Deferral and Variance Account Balances. While this is not in accordance with the accounting guidance on capacity based recovery, the guidance is intended to address situations where the existence of Class A customers complicates the use of a generic rider for all Group 1 accounts. In North Bay Hydro's case, there is only one Class A customer residing in its own class. The isolation of CBR costs from the rest of the Group 1 variances is a relatively straight forward exercise that North Bay Hydro has done correctly. The adoption of North Bay Hydro's proposal necessitates changes to the guidance that exists on the Tariff of Rates and Charges with respect to CBR and generic Group 1 account riders. Given the settlement and regulatory disposition complexities with respect to GA and CBR activities, it is important that consistency across the sector be maintained for how these accounts are disposed and

<sup>16</sup> Accounting Procedures Handbook for Electricity Distributors, effective January 1, 2012

<sup>17</sup> 2018 IRM Rate Generator Model Tab 6.1 "GA", Tab 6.1a "GA Allocation", Tab 6.2 "CBR B" and Tab 7 "Calculation of Def-Var RR"

how the related rate riders are determined and applied. This does not mean that exceptions cannot or should not be made when there is clear value in deviating from established practice. The OEB finds that there is value in eliminating a rate rider given the relatively simple calculations and minimal effort involved in ensuring no double counting of CBR costs in relation to the subject customer. The changes that need to be made to North Bay Hydro's tariff, while somewhat time consuming, are not overly burdensome given the preference to reduce the number of riders on the tariff where and when possible."

## 7 RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN

All residential distribution rates currently include a fixed monthly charge and a variable usage charge. The OEB's residential rate design policy stipulates that distributors will transition residential customers to a fully fixed monthly distribution service charge over a four-year period, beginning in 2016.<sup>18</sup> The OEB requires that distributors filing IRM applications affecting 2018 rates continue with this transition by once again adjusting their distribution rates to increase the fixed monthly service charge and decrease the variable charge consistent with the policy.

The OEB expects an applicant to apply two tests to evaluate whether mitigation of bill impacts for customers is required during the transition period. Mitigation usually takes the form of a lengthening of the transition period. The first test is to calculate the change in the monthly fixed charge, and to consider mitigation if it exceeds \$4. The second is to calculate the total bill impact of the proposals in the application for low volume residential customers (defined as those residential RPP customers whose consumption is at the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the class). Mitigation may be required if the bill impact related to the application exceeds 10% for these customers.

North Bay Hydro notes that the implementation of the transition results in an increase to the fixed charge prior to the price cap adjustment of \$2.96. The bill impacts arising from the proposals in this application, including the fixed rate change, are below 10% for low volume residential customers.

### Findings

The OEB finds that the proposed 2018 increase to the monthly fixed charge is calculated in accordance with the OEB's residential rate design policy. The results of the monthly fixed charge, and total bill impact for low consumption residential consumers

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<sup>18</sup> As outlined in the Policy cited at footnote 1 above.

show that no mitigation is required. The OEB approves the increase as proposed by the applicant and calculated in the final Rate Generator Model.

## 8 OTHER MATTERS

In addition to the matters discussed previously, North Bay Hydro sought approval for the following rates and charges<sup>19</sup> in its application:

- Continuance of the micro-FIT monthly Charge
- Continuance of the Smart Meter Entity Charge
- Continuance of the Specific Services charges and Loss Factors as approved in North Bay Hydro's 2015 COS Application<sup>20</sup>
- Continuance of Rate Riders and Adders for which the sunset date has not yet been reached

These rate and charges were approved by the OEB in previous proceedings. No further approval is required in this Decision to include these on North Bay Hydro's Tariff of Rates and Charges.

## 9 IMPLEMENTATION AND ORDER

This Decision is accompanied by a Rate Generator Model, applicable supporting models, and a Tariff of Rates and Charges (Schedule A).

Model entries were reviewed in order to ensure that they are in accordance with North Bay Hydro's last COS decision, the 2017 OEB-approved Tariff of Rates and Charges, as well as to ensure that the cost, revenue and consumption results from 2016, are as reported by North Bay Hydro to the OEB.

The Rate Generator Model was adjusted, where applicable, to correct any discrepancies. The Rate Generator Model incorporates the rates set out in the following table.

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<sup>19</sup> North Bay Hydro's 2018 IRM Application, EB-2017-0065, October 16, 2017, page 2

<sup>20</sup> EB-2014-0099

**Table 9.1: Regulatory Charges**

<b>Rate</b>	<b>per kWh</b>
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP)	\$0.0003
Wholesale Market Service (WMS) billed to Class A and B Customers	\$0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) billed to Class B Customers	\$0.0004

Each of these 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, WMS and CBR rates were set by the OEB on December 20, 2017.<sup>21</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 at \$0.57 by the OEB on March 1, 2018, effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.<sup>22</sup> The Rate Generator Model has been adjusted to incorporate this rate.

<sup>21</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0333, December 20, 2017

<sup>22</sup> Decision and Order, EB-2017-0290, March 1, 2018

**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, 2018 for electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after such date. North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the first bill reflecting the new rates.

**DATED** at Toronto, March 22, 2018

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**To Decision and Rate Order**

**Tariff of Rates and Charges**

**OEB File No: EB-2017-0065**

**DATED: March 22, 2018**

# North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date May 1, 2018

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

EB-2017-0065

### 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

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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	25.36
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0037
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0042)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0068

### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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### GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes non residential accounts taking electricity at 750 volts or less where monthly average peak 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.

#### 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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	24.29
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2022	\$	0.57
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0187
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0042)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

# North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

## TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

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### GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 2,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes non residential accounts where monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 3,000 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.

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 Participant (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 Debt Retirement Charge, the Global Adjustment and the HST.

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	306.79
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.5611
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.02550
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0042)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.3169)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5794
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.3860

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### GENERAL SERVICE 3,000 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes non residential accounts where monthly average peak demand is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than 3,000 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

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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 Participant (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.

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#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	6,543.09
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.2027
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.02820
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.3681)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.7361
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate - Interval Metered	\$/kW	2.6368

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Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
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### UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification includes accounts taking electricity at 750 volts or less where monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. These connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical demand/consumption of the proposed unmetered load. 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)	\$	5.38
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0124
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.00007
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kWh	(0.0009)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0065
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0061

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. 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 (per connection)	\$	4.95
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	17.2834
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.02010
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0042)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.3207)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9550
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8829

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
Standard Supply Service - Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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### STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification is for roadway lighting with the Municipality. The consumption for this customer is 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)	\$	4.92
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	26.3840
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.01970
Rate Rider for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019 Applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0042)
Rate Rider for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2018) - effective until April 30, 2019	\$/kW	(0.2998)
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9454
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.8443

#### MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate (WMS) - not including CBR	\$/kWh	0.0032
Capacity Based Recovery (CBR) - Applicable for Class B Customers	\$/kWh	0.0004
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0003
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	\$	5.40
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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

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	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge - no disconnection	\$	30.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - during regular hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/reconnect at meter - after regular hours	\$	165.00

#### Other

Service call - customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Specific charge for access to the power poles - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	22.35

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### RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$	1.37
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$	(0.30)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Request for customer information as outlined in Section 10.6.3 and Chapter 11 of the Retail Settlement Code directly to retailers and customers, if not delivered electronically through the Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system, applied to the requesting party		
Up to twice a year	\$	no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00

#### LOSS FACTORS

If the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor - Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0471
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0366