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FINAL RATE ORDER

EB-2023-0013

E.L.K. ENERGY INC.

**Application for rates and other charges to be effective May
1, 2024**

BEFORE: Anthony Zlahtic
Presiding Commissioner

Pankaj Sardana
Commissioner

April 2, 2024

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This is a Final Rate Order of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on an application filed by E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy), under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, to change its electricity distribution rates, effective May 1, 2024.

The OEB issued a Decision and Order on March 21, 2024 with a draft Tariff of Rates and Charges (Tariff) setting out E.L.K. Energy's new rates effective May 1, 2024. The Decision and Order required E.L.K. Energy to provide the OEB with written comments regarding the draft Tariff, by no later than March 27, 2024.

E.L.K. Energy filed a letter with the OEB on March 27, 2024 that contained the following comment on the Tariff:

1. The associated z-factor rate rider on the draft Tariff (for each applicable rate class) is currently described as "Rate Rider for Recovery of Wind Storm Damage Costs (2024) – effective until April 30, 2026". In order to reflect that the rate rider relates to multiple storms of different types, E.L.K. Energy requests that the rate rider wording be updated to "Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) – effective until April 30, 2026".

The OEB has reviewed E.L.K. Energy's comment and agrees with the proposed change. Attached to this Final Rate Order is an updated, final Tariff for E.L.K. Energy.

RATE ORDER

The OEB has revised the Tariff originally set out in its March 21, 2024 Decision and Order to address the issue brought forth by E.L.K. Energy. The approved Tariff is attached as Schedule A to this Final Rate Order.

The new rates approved in this Final Rate Order are to be effective and implemented on May 1, 2024.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Schedule A of this Final Rate Order is effective May 1, 2024 and is to be implemented May 1, 2024. The Tariff of Rates and Charges will apply to electricity consumed or estimated to have been consumed on and after May 1, 2024. E.L.K. Energy 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 April 2, 2024

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi
Registrar

Schedule A

Final Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

OEB File No: EB-2023-0013

DATED: April 2, 2024

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to a service which is less than 50 kW supplied to a single family dwelling unit that is for domestic or household purposes, including seasonal occupancy. At E.L.K.'s discretion, residential rates may be applied to apartment buildings with 6 or less units by simple application of the residential rate or by blocking the residential rate by the number of units. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	19.73
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	1.05
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	0.70
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0035
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0121
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	0.0014
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 premises other than those designated as residential and do not exceed 50 kW in any month of the year. This includes multi-unit residential establishments such as apartment buildings supplied through one service (bulk-metered). Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	19.31
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	1.71
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	0.68
Smart Metering Entity Charge - effective until December 31, 2027	\$	0.42
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0066
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$/kWh	0.0002
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0083

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
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GENERAL SERVICE 50 TO 4,999 KW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to a non residential account whose average monthly maximum demand used for billing purposes is equal to or greater than, or is forecast to be equal to or greater than, 50 kW but less than 5,000 kW. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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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 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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	195.42
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	26.35
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	6.90
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.7492
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	1.1966
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$/kW	0.0617
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	4.4570
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3736

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Regulatory Component

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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	0.0014
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, 50kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, 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. E.L.K. is not in the practice of connecting new unmetered scattered load services. 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)	\$	7.85
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	0.50
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	0.28
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0022
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0031
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$/kWh	0.0001
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0106
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0083

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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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.69
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	0.85
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	0.13
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	6.9316
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9451
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$/kW	0.2447
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3781
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6647

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	1.27
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	0.13
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	0.04
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	12.3462
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9256
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$/kW	0.4358
Retail Transmission Rate - Network Service Rate	\$/kW	3.3618
Retail Transmission Rate - Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	2.6096

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

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	1,545.57
Rate Rider for Recovery of Storm Damage Costs (2024) - effective until April 30, 2026	\$	82.47
Rate Rider for Recovery of Incremental Capital (2024) - effective until April 30, 2027 or the next rebasing.	\$	54.55

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.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES - Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	4.55
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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses - applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of account	\$	15.00
Pulling post dated cheques	\$	15.00
Duplicate invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Notification charge	\$	15.00
Account history	\$	15.00
Credit reference/credit check (plus credit agency costs)	\$	15.00
Returned cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Charge to certify cheque	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
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 - \$/pole/year (with the exception of wireless attachments)	\$	37.78

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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	\$	117.02
Monthly fixed charge, per retailer	\$	46.81
Monthly variable charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	1.16
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.69
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.69)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.59
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	1.16
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)	\$	4.68
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	1.0417
Total Loss Factor - Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0313