



## Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board

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Ms. Elana Wentzell, CMA  
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Dear Ms. Wentzell:

**Application by the Town of Lunenburg, on behalf of its Electric Utility, to Amend its Schedule of Rates and Charges - E-LUN-R-08**

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Enclosed is a certified copy of a Decision of the Board dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2008, approving the above-noted application filed by the Town of Lunenburg, on behalf of its electric utility.

Yours very truly,


Nancy McNeil  
Regulatory Affairs Officer/Clerk

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Application of the **Town of Lunenburg**, on behalf of its **Electric Utility**, for approval of amendments to its Schedule of Rates for the provision of electric services to its customers to recover costs incurred as a result of rate increases granted to Nova Scotia Power Incorporated ("NSPI").

**BEFORE:**  Peter W. Gurnham, Q. C., Chair

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS** the **Town of Lunenburg**, on behalf of its **Electric Utility**, ("the Applicant") made application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ("the Board") on December 17, 2008, to amend its Schedule of Rates and Charges to allow the Applicant to pass through to its customers recent changes approved by the Board to the Municipal Rate of NSPI;

**AND WHEREAS** following a public hearing on December 16, 2005, the Board, by Order dated the 17th day of January 2006, approved a formula to permit the Applicant to pass through the increase in cost of electric service, to its customers, as a consequence of an increase in NSPI rates;

**AND WHEREAS** the Applicant has proposed to amend its rates using the formula approved by the Board in its Order of January 17, 2006;

<p>I CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD</p> <p>DATED THIS <u>13</u> DAY OF <u>Dec.</u>, <u>2008</u></p> <p><u>Nancy Mehall</u> CLERK</p>
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**SCHEDULE A**

**LUNENBURG ELECTRIC UTILITY**

**SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY & SERVICES**

(Effective for services rendered on and after January 1, 2009)

**RATES**

All bills are due and payable when rendered. All unpaid accounts are subject to overdue interest charges in accordance with Regulation 5.2 - "Payment of bills, overdue interest charges, and returned payment charge".

In this Schedule, the word "Town" means the Town of Lunenburg.

**"Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) Municipal Rate Class Increases"**

In order to recover increased costs due to NSPI increases and upon notice by the Lunenburg Electric Utility to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, (the Board), the Board may amend the Rates for Domestic service, Small General, General, Large General, Domestic Service Time-of-Day (Optional), and Street and Yard Lighting based on the following formula, without the necessity of a public hearing.

1)  $A \times B = C$   
 $C \div D = F\%$

2)  $G \times H = I$   
 $I \div J = K\%$

3)  $\frac{F\% + K\%}{2} = L\%$

- A = 2<sup>nd</sup> previous years' power purchase cost from NSPI;  
B = NSPI approved increase %;  
D = 2<sup>nd</sup> previous total sales for the above classes;  
G = Previous years power purchase costs from NSPI;  
H = NSPI approved increase %;  
J = Previous years total sales for the above classes;  
L = Average % change required to the Lunenburg Electric Utility rates to recover increased power purchase costs.

DOMESTIC SERVICE

Service Charge: \$9.61 per month.

Energy Rates: 10.90 cents per kilowatt hour for the first 200 kilowatt hours per month.

9.78 cents for all additional consumption, but in no case shall the average price per kilowatt hour on the whole bill, including the service charge, be less than 10.56 cents in any billing period.

Minimum Bill: \$9.61 per month.

Availability: The Domestic rate shall be applicable to electric energy used by a customer in his private residence for household lighting, cooking, heating, refrigeration, or other household appliances. Where part of the customer's premises are used for other than residential purposes, and non-residential loads do not exceed 500 watts, the whole premises may be supplied under the Domestic rate.

SMALL GENERAL

Base Charge: \$10.57 per month.

Energy Rates: 9.78 cents per kilowatt hour for all consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$10.57 per month.

Availability: The small general rate shall be applicable to power and energy where energy use does not exceed 12,000 kWh/year.

GENERAL

Demand Charge: \$7.20 per month per kW of maximum demand.

Energy Charge: 12.22 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kW hours per month per kW of maximum demand.

8.10 cents per kilowatt hour for all additional consumption.

Minimum Bill: \$21.20 per month or the demand charge, whichever is the greater.

Availability: The General rate shall be applicable to power and energy where consumption exceeds 12,000 kWh/year, maximum demand does not exceed 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

LARGE GENERAL

Demand Charge: \$8.54 per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.

10.37 cents per kW hour for the first 100 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of maximum demand.

7.36 cents per kW hour for all additional consumption.

Minimum Charge: \$8.54 per kilowatt of maximum demand.

Availability: The large general rate shall be applicable to power and energy where demand exceeds 250 kW and other rates are not applicable.

DOMESTIC SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE (OPTIONAL)

BASE CHARGE

\$18.21 per month

ENERGY CHARGE:

December, January and February

07:00 am to 1:00 pm	19.56 cents per kilowatt hour
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	9.78 cents per kilowatt hour
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm	19.56 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am	6.30 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 6.30 cents per kWh.

March to November

7:00 am to 10:00 pm	9.78 cents per kilowatt hour
10:00 pm to 7:00 am	6.30 cents per kilowatt hour

The above rates apply weekdays (Monday through Friday inclusive), excluding statutory holidays. For Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays, all consumption will be billed at the rate of 6.30 cents per kWh.

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

The minimum monthly charge shall be \$18.21.

AVAILABILITY

This rate is only available to customers employing Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) equipment and electric in-floor radiant (i. e. hydronic) heating systems utilizing time shifting technology approved by the Utility.

STREET AND YARD LIGHTING

(Multiple Lighting - Fixtures supplied by the Utility)

175 watt Mercury Vapour	\$14.92 per lamp per month
250 watt Mercury Vapour	\$18.49 per lamp per month
400 watt Mercury Vapour	\$26.12 per lamp per month

(High Pressure Sodium - Fixture supplied by the Utility)

70 watt High Pressure Sodium	\$11.12 per lamp per month
100 watt High Pressure Sodium	\$12.19 per lamp per month
150 watt High Pressure Sodium	\$13.51 per lamp per month
200 watt High Pressure Sodium	\$15.31 per lamp per month
400 watt High Pressure Sodium	\$24.94 per lamp per month

AVAILABILITY:

The Street and Yard Lighting rate shall be applicable to the supply of outdoor illumination on a dusk-to-dawn schedule involving approximately 4,000 hours burning time per year and shall include maintenance of equipment and lamp renewals.