

## **ENERGY BALANCING SERVICE**

The Energy Balancing Service is a supplemental generation service provided to Licenced Retail Suppliers (LRS) in respect of the Licenced Retail Supplier's RtR Customers utilizing the production from renewable low-impact generators. The service consists of delivery of complementary energy to RtR Customers and reception of surplus generation from qualifying generators. The service is required to be taken in conjunction with Standby Service under the Standby Service Tariff so that the reliability of service to RtR Customers is equivalent to that provided under Bundled Service. For the purposes of this Energy Balancing Service Tariff, hourly LRS load in excess of generation is defined as top-up energy and hourly generation in excess of LRS load is defined as spill energy.

All capitalized terms herein shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meanings ascribed thereto in the LRS Terms and Conditions.

## **AVAILABILITY**

This Energy Balancing Service Tariff is applicable to the LRS in order to facilitate the purchase of renewable low-impact electricity by RtR Customers.

This Energy Balancing Service Tariff is provided under the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The LRS must have a valid LRS Participation Agreement executed with NS Power; and
- (2) The LRS must be providing service to RtR Customers.

## **APPLICABILITY**

- (1) An LRS taking service under this Energy Balancing Service Tariff shall also take service under the OATT, the Standby Service Tariff, and the Renewable to Retail Market Transition Tariff.
- (2) The service under this Energy Balancing Service Tariff is based on metered energy quantities, and is independent of the LRS's forecasts. OATT Schedule 4 is not applicable, but the Generation Forecasting Service under Schedule 4A of the OATT is applicable.
- (3) The hourly top-up and spill quantities are determined at the delivery point from the transmission system. The hourly top-up quantity equals the excess in each hour, if positive, of the LRS's aggregate customer load adjusted by the addition of distribution losses over the aggregate renewable low impact electricity supplied by the LRS or its contracted generation adjusted by the deduction of transmission losses. The hourly spill

quantity equals the excess in each hour, if positive, of the aggregate renewable low impact electricity supplied by the LRS or its contracted generation adjusted by the deduction of transmission locational losses, as applicable to the geographic zone in which the generating facility is interconnected, over its aggregate customer load adjusted by the addition of distribution losses. The locational loss values will be published by the NS Power System Operator. The aggregate hourly load quantities are determined in accordance with the applicable provisions in the LRS Terms and Conditions.

- (4) To qualify for this service, the LRS must ensure that the imbalance between low impact renewable generation and energy consumption over the established compliance period conforms to Section 10 of the Board Electricity Retailers Regulations (Nova Scotia) enacted under the Act.
- (5) Maximum Spill Capacity must be approved by NS Power prior to commencement of service and will be limited to a level agreed as being required to provide the contracted annual amount of participating LRS energy. Spill capacity will be reviewed annually and will include the LRS' proposal to mitigate it on a going forward basis. If NS Power is not satisfied with the LRS' proposal, it may impose a limit on hourly production of the LRS's generation portfolio.

#### **ADMINISTRATION CHARGE**

The monthly administration charge is applicable to each LRS and is set annually according to the following formula:

$$\text{Monthly charge} = \frac{\text{forecast annual administration costs}}{\text{forecast number of LRS's subscribed} * 12}$$

This charge will be \$1,112.83 per month.

#### **ENERGY CHARGE**

Energy charge for top-up service is made up of the following two components:

- (1) Annually adjusted fuel cost component based on NS Power's incremental cost of serving the LRS's forecasted incremental top-up load.
- (2) Fixed cost adder reflective of fixed cost energy-related generation costs.

<b>Energy Charge Components</b>	<b>Cents per kWh</b>
Fuel Cost	4.668
Fixed Cost Adder	3.168
Total	7.836

The charge is applicable to top-up energy consumed in each hour.

### **ENERGY CREDIT**

4.668 cents per kilowatt hour

The Energy Credit for spill service is set annually and is applicable to spilled energy in each hour.

### **MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

The minimum monthly charge will be the administration charge

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- (1) NS Power reserves the right to have a separate service agreement, if in the opinion of NS Power issues not specifically set out herein, must be addressed for the ongoing benefit of NS Power and its customers.
- (2) The LRS's RtR Customers and generators will make all necessary arrangements to ensure that their generation and load do not unduly deteriorate the integrity of the power supply system, either by its design and/or operation. These specific requirements shall be stipulated by way of a written operating agreement.
- (3) In assessing issues which might unduly affect the integrity of the power supply system the following would be considered: reliability, harmonic voltage and current levels, voltage flicker, unbalance, rate of change in load levels, stability, fault levels and other related conditions.
- (4) Nothing contained in this Energy Balancing Service Tariff or any service agreement shall be construed as affecting or in any way limiting the right of NS Power to make application to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for a change in any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classification of service, service agreement, rule or regulation, including, without limitation, the rates, charge or terms and conditions contained in this Energy Balancing Service Tariff, the Standby Service Tariff or the Renewable to Retail Market Transition Tariff.