



**EB-2011-0084**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application pursuant to  
section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by  
Kingston Hydro Corporation seeking an extension to its  
mandated time-of-use pricing date.

**By delegation, before:** Jennifer Lea

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Kingston Hydro Corporation ("Kingston Hydro") filed an application dated March 17, 2011 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B) for a licence amendment granting an extension in relation to the mandated date for the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing rates for Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under cover of a letter to all Ontario electricity distributors dated August 4, 2010, the Ontario Energy Board provided its determination of mandatory dates by which each distributor must bill those of its RPP customers that have eligible TOU meters using TOU pricing. The Board's determination was made pursuant to sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors, which requires TOU pricing for RPP consumers with eligible TOU meters, as of the mandatory date. Compliance with this Code is a condition of licence for nearly all licensed electricity distributors in Ontario.

## THE APPLICATION

Kingston Hydro applied for an extension to its June 2011 mandated TOU pricing date and requested a new date of October 2011. Kingston Hydro states it has been impacted by the required implementation of new customer service standards and the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit causing testing to fall behind schedule. In addition, Kingston Hydro states the extended date would allow a gradual implementation of a smaller number of customers during billing cycles to facilitate a smooth transition.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Written Hearing for Kingston Hydro's application on April 6, 2011, and interrogatories and submissions on the application were invited. The applicant responded to interrogatories filed by Board staff, providing more information about the delay and progress to date in implementing TOU pricing. On May 6, 2011 Board staff filed a submission on the application. Kingston Hydro responded to the submission on May 12, 2011.

In its application, Kingston Hydro stated unit testing had fallen behind schedule by two months. Following this delay Kingston Hydro still hoped to achieve a June implementation date. However, Kingston Hydro stated that to meet the June implementation date it would have to transition customers to TOU pricing in one billing cycle. Kingston Hydro's view was that a longer deployment schedule would permit transitioning customers in smaller numbers over multiple billing cycles so that quality control could be assured and that any issues that result can be corrected before affecting large numbers of customers. In its interrogatory responses Kingston Hydro proposed a five month billing schedule beginning June 2011 and ending October 2011. Kingston Hydro stated that this strategy was expected to make the most efficient use of resources as Kingston Hydro is trying to keep TOU transitions to a minimum during August and September which, due to the number of university students arriving in the city, are historically busy months for its customer service representatives and billing department. Kingston Hydro also stated it has installed smart meters for approximately 98% of its eligible residential customers and 96% of its eligible small commercial customers.

In its submission Board staff stated it had concerns with Kingston's five month TOU rollout schedule and recommended a more efficient TOU rollout schedule of two

months, with a completion date of July 2011. Board staff stated it was not persuaded by the evidence provided that there are unanticipated and extraordinary obstacles preventing Kingston Hydro from rolling out TOU billing within a more efficient timeline.

Kingston Hydro responded to Board staff's submission stating the five month rollout schedule was necessary to avoid the risk of inaccurate bills. Kingston Hydro submitted that its billing system is unique, in that billing is provided by an affiliate that bills not only for electricity, but for water, sewer and natural gas services. In response to Board staff's suggestion that TOU pricing be completed by July 2011, Kingston Hydro pointed out that this would result in having the first TOU bills go to customers in August, which coincides with the peak demand on customer service resources due to the arrival in Kingston Hydro's service territory of approximately 14,000 students.

## **BOARD FINDINGS**

I find the application should be granted as requested. Kingston Hydro will be exempted from the requirement to apply TOU pricing under the Standard Supply Service Code until October 31, 2011.

Kingston Hydro has made a considerable effort towards completing TOU pricing implementation, and has installed smart meters for approximately 98% of its eligible residential customers and 96% of its eligible small commercial customers. I acknowledge the submission made by Board staff that similarly sized utilities have achieved their TOU pricing rollout during one billing cycle, and that the fact that Kingston Hydro experiences a high demand on its customer service resources in August and September is not a circumstance that should be unanticipated by the distributor. However, I find that at this date, it is not practical to require Kingston Hydro to complete its TOU pricing rollout by the end of July 2011. The delay of four months sought by Kingston Hydro is not excessive. The pace of the rollout proposed by Kingston Hydro appears to be reasonable given the circumstances affecting its billing and customer service resources.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Kingston Hydro Corporation's distribution licence ED-2003-0057, specifically Schedule 3 List of Code Exemptions, is amended to include an exemption from the requirement to apply time-of-use pricing by a mandatory date under the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors. This exemption will expire on October 31, 2011.

**DATED** at Toronto, June 29, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

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# Electricity Distribution Licence

## ED-2003-0057

# Kingston Hydro Corporation

Valid Until

December 21, 2023

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## 1 Definitions

In this Licence:

“**Accounting Procedures Handbook**” means the handbook, approved by the Board which specifies the accounting records, accounting principles and accounting separation standards to be followed by the Licensee;

“**Act**” means the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

“**Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters**” means the code, approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the standards and conditions for the interaction between electricity distributors or transmitters and their respective affiliated companies;

“**Conservation and Demand Management**” and “**CDM**” means distribution activities and programs to reduce electricity consumption and peak provincial electricity demand;

“**Conservation and Demand Management Code for Electricity Distributors**” means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the rules and obligations surrounding Board approved programs to help distributors meet their CDM Targets;

“**distribution services**” means services related to the distribution of electricity and the services the Board has required distributors to carry out, including the sales of electricity to consumers under section 29 of the Act, for which a charge or rate has been established in the Rate Order;

“**Distribution System Code**” means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the obligations of the distributor with respect to the services and terms of service to be offered to customers and retailers and provides minimum, technical operating standards of distribution systems;

“**Electricity Act**” means the *Electricity Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule A;

“**Licensee**” means Kingston Hydro Corporation

“**Market Rules**” means the rules made under section 32 of the Electricity Act;

“**Net Annual Peak Demand Energy Savings Target**” means the reduction in a distributor’s peak electricity demand persisting at the end of the four-year period (i.e. December 31, 2014) that coincides with the provincial peak electricity demand that is associated with the implementation of CDM Programs;

“**Net Cumulative Energy Savings Target**” means the total amount of reduction in electricity consumption associated with the implementation of CDM Programs between 2011-2014;

“**OPA**” means the Ontario Power Authority;



**“Performance Standards”** means the performance targets for the distribution and connection activities of the Licensee as established by the Board in accordance with section 83 of the Act;

**“Provincial Brand”** means any mark or logo that the Province has used or is using, created or to be created by or on behalf of the Province, and which will be identified to the Board by the Ministry as a provincial mark or logo for its conservation programs;

**“Rate Order”** means an Order or Orders of the Board establishing rates the Licensee is permitted to charge;

**“regulation“** means a regulation made under the Act or the Electricity Act;

**“Retail Settlement Code”** means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes a distributor’s obligations and responsibilities associated with financial settlement among retailers and consumers and provides for tracking and facilitating consumer transfers among competitive retailers;

**“service area”** with respect to a distributor, means the area in which the distributor is authorized by its licence to distribute electricity;

**“Standard Supply Service Code”** means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the minimum conditions that a distributor must meet in carrying out its obligations to sell electricity under section 29 of the Electricity Act;

**“wholesaler”** means a person that purchases electricity or ancillary services in the IESO administered markets or directly from a generator or, a person who sells electricity or ancillary services through the IESO-administered markets or directly to another person other than a consumer.

## **2 Interpretation**

- 2.1 In this Licence, words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act or the Electricity Act. Words or phrases importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the licence. Any reference to a document or a provision of a document includes an amendment or supplement to, or a replacement of, that document or that provision of that document. In the computation of time under this licence, where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, they shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens. Where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

## **3 Authorization**

- 3.1 The Licensee is authorized, under Part V of the Act and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Licence:
- a) to own and operate a distribution system in the service area described in Schedule 1 of this Licence;

- b) to retail electricity for the purposes of fulfilling its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act in the manner specified in Schedule 2 of this Licence; and
- c) to act as a wholesaler for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations under the Retail Settlement Code or under section 29 of the Electricity Act.

#### **4 Obligation to Comply with Legislation, Regulations and Market Rules**

- 4.1 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and the Electricity Act and regulations under these Acts, except where the Licensee has been exempted from such compliance by regulation.
- 4.2 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable Market Rules.

#### **5 Obligation to Comply with Codes**

- 5.1 The Licensee shall at all times comply with the following Codes (collectively the “Codes”) approved by the Board, except where the Licensee has been specifically exempted from such compliance by the Board. Any exemptions granted to the licensee are set out in Schedule 3 of this Licence. The following Codes apply to this Licence:
  - a) the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters;
  - b) the Distribution System Code;
  - c) the Retail Settlement Code; and
  - d) the Standard Supply Service Code.
- 5.2 The Licensee shall:
  - a) make a copy of the Codes available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
  - b) provide a copy of the Codes to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

#### **6 Obligation to Provide Non-discriminatory Access**

- 6.1 The Licensee shall, upon the request of a consumer, generator or retailer, provide such consumer, generator or retailer with access to the Licensee’s distribution system and shall convey electricity on behalf of such consumer, generator or retailer in accordance with the terms of this Licence.

#### **7 Obligation to Connect**

- 7.1 The Licensee shall connect a building to its distribution system if:
  - a) the building lies along any of the lines of the distributor’s distribution system; and

- b) the owner, occupant or other person in charge of the building requests the connection in writing.
- 7.2 The Licensee shall make an offer to connect a building to its distribution system if:
- a) the building is within the Licensee's service area as described in Schedule 1; and
  - b) the owner, occupant or other person in charge of the building requests the connection in writing.
- 7.3 The terms of such connection or offer to connect shall be fair and reasonable and made in accordance with the Distribution System Code, and the Licensee's Rate Order as approved by the Board.
- 7.4 The Licensee shall not refuse to connect or refuse to make an offer to connect unless it is permitted to do so by the Act or a regulation or any Codes to which the Licensee is obligated to comply with as a condition of this Licence.
- 8 Obligation to Sell Electricity**
- 8.1 The Licensee shall fulfill its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act to sell electricity in accordance with the requirements established in the Standard Supply Service Code, the Retail Settlement Code and the Licensee's Rate Order as approved by the Board.
- 9 Obligation to Maintain System Integrity**
- 9.1 The Licensee shall maintain its distribution system in accordance with the standards established in the Distribution System Code and Market Rules, and have regard to any other recognized industry operating or planning standards adopted by the Board.
- 10 Market Power Mitigation Rebates**
- 10.1 The Licensee shall comply with the pass through of Ontario Power Generation rebate conditions set out in Appendix A of this Licence.
- 11 Distribution Rates**
- 11.1 The Licensee shall not charge for connection to the distribution system, the distribution of electricity or the retailing of electricity to meet its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act except in accordance with a Rate Order of the Board.
- 12 Separation of Business Activities**
- 12.1 The Licensee shall keep financial records associated with distributing electricity separate from its financial records associated with transmitting electricity or other activities in accordance with the Accounting Procedures Handbook and as otherwise required by the Board.

### **13 Expansion of Distribution System**

- 13.1 The Licensee shall not construct, expand or reinforce an electricity distribution system or make an interconnection except in accordance with the Act and Regulations, the Distribution System Code and applicable provisions of the Market Rules.
- 13.2 In order to ensure and maintain system integrity or reliable and adequate capacity and supply of electricity, the Board may order the Licensee to expand or reinforce its distribution system in accordance with Market Rules and the Distribution System Code, or in such a manner as the Board may determine.

### **14 Provision of Information to the Board**

- 14.1 The Licensee shall maintain records of and provide, in the manner and form determined by the Board, such information as the Board may require from time to time.
- 14.2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph 14.1 the Licensee shall notify the Board of any material change in circumstances that adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the business, operations or assets of the Licensee as soon as practicable, but in any event no more than twenty (20) days past the date upon which such change occurs.
- 14.3 The licensee shall inform the Board as soon as possible of any material changes to the service agreement with *Name of Service Company* (the "Service Agreement").
- 14.4 If either party to the Service Agreement provides notice of its intention to exercise a right to terminate or discontinue any services under the services agreement, the Licensee shall:
- a) Immediately notify the Board in writing of the notice; and
  - b) provide a plan to the Board as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) days after the receipt of the notice, as to how the affected distribution services will be maintained in compliance with the terms of this Licence.
- 14.5 In the event of termination of the Service Agreement for any reason, the Licensee shall:
- a) ensure there is no interruption of distribution services to the consumers as a result of the termination;
  - b) notify the Board of the name of the new company that will provide the distribution services; and
  - c) file with the Board the distribution services agreement with the new company.

### **15 Restrictions on Provision of Information**

- 15.1 The Licensee shall not use information regarding a consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator obtained for one purpose for any other purpose without the written consent of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator.

- 15.2 The Licensee shall not disclose information regarding a consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator to any other party without the written consent of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator, except where such information is required to be disclosed:
- a) to comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements, including the conditions of this Licence;
  - b) for billing, settlement or market operations purposes;
  - c) for law enforcement purposes; or
  - d) to a debt collection agency for the processing of past due accounts of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator.
- 15.3 The Licensee may disclose information regarding consumers, retailers, wholesalers or generators where the information has been sufficiently aggregated such that their particular information cannot reasonably be identified.
- 15.4 The Licensee shall inform consumers, retailers, wholesalers and generators of the conditions under which their information may be released to a third party without their consent.
- 15.5 If the Licensee discloses information under this section, the Licensee shall ensure that the information provided will not be used for any other purpose except the purpose for which it was disclosed.

## **16 Customer Complaint and Dispute Resolution**

- 16.1 The Licensee shall:
- a) have a process for resolving disputes with customers that deals with disputes in a fair, reasonable and timely manner;
  - b) publish information which will make its customers aware of and help them to use its dispute resolution process;
  - c) make a copy of the dispute resolution process available for inspection by members of the public at each of the Licensee's premises during normal business hours;
  - d) give or send free of charge a copy of the process to any person who reasonably requests it; and
  - e) subscribe to and refer unresolved complaints to an independent third party complaints resolution service provider selected by the Board. This condition will become effective on a date to be determined by the Board. The Board will provide reasonable notice to the Licensee of the date this condition becomes effective.

## **17 Term of Licence**

- 17.1 This Licence shall take effect on December 22, 2003 and expire on December 21, 2023. The term of this Licence may be extended by the Board.

**18 Fees and Assessments**

18.1 The Licensee shall pay all fees charged and amounts assessed by the Board.

**19 Communication**

19.1 The Licensee shall designate a person that will act as a primary contact with the Board on matters related to this Licence. The Licensee shall notify the Board promptly should the contact details change.

19.2 All official communication relating to this Licence shall be in writing.

19.3 All written communication is to be regarded as having been given by the sender and received by the addressee:

- a) when delivered in person to the addressee by hand, by registered mail or by courier;
- b) ten (10) business days after the date of posting if the communication is sent by regular mail; and
- c) when received by facsimile transmission by the addressee, according to the sender's transmission report.

**20 Copies of the Licence**

20.1 The Licensee shall:

- a) make a copy of this Licence available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
- b) provide a copy of this Licence to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

**21 Conservation and Demand Management**

21.1 The Licensee shall achieve reductions in electricity consumption and reductions in peak provincial electricity demand through the delivery of CDM programs. The Licensee shall meet its 2014 Net Annual Peak Demand Savings Target of 6.630 MW, and its 2011-2014 Net Cumulative Energy Savings Target of 37.160 GWh (collectively the "CDM Targets"), over a four-year period beginning January 1, 2011.

21.2 The Licensee shall meet its CDM Targets through:

- a) the delivery of Board approved CDM Programs delivered in the Licensee's service area ("Board-Approved CDM Programs");
- b) the delivery of CDM Programs that are made available by the OPA to distributors in the Licensee's service area under contract with the OPA ("OPA-Contracted Province-Wide CDM Programs"); or

- c) a combination of a) and b).
- 21.3 The Licensee shall make its best efforts to deliver a mix of CDM Programs to all consumer types in the Licensee's service area.
- 21.4 The Licensee shall comply with the rules mandated by the Board's Conservation and Demand Management Code for Electricity Distributors.
- 21.5 The Licensee shall utilize the common Provincial brand, once available, with all Board-Approved CDM Programs, OPA-Contracted Province-Wide Programs, and in conjunction with or co-branded with the Licensee's own brand or marks.

**SCHEDULE 1                      DEFINITION OF DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AREA**

This Schedule specifies the area in which the Licensee is authorized to distribute and sell electricity in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of this Licence.

1.        The City of Kingston as of December 31, 1997.
2.        Collins Bay Penitentiary in the former Township of Kingston, now in the City of Kingston.
3.        The service area extends East of the Cataraqui River in the former Township of Pittsburgh (now in the City of Kingston) and is bordered by the following:
  - northerly - Royal Military College, Barriefield and McNaughton Barracks;
  - easterly - McNaughton Barracks and Vimy Barracks;
  - southerly - Royal Military College, Fort Henry, PMQ's and Vimy Barracks; and
  - westerly - Cataraqui River.



**SCHEDULE 2                      PROVISION OF STANDARD SUPPLY SERVICE**

This Schedule specifies the manner in which the Licensee is authorized to retail electricity for the purposes of fulfilling its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act.

1. The Licensee is authorized to retail electricity directly to consumers within its service area in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of this Licence, any applicable exemptions to this Licence, and at the rates set out in the Rate Orders.

### **SCHEDULE 3 LIST OF CODE EXEMPTIONS**

This Schedule specifies any specific Code requirements from which the Licensee has been exempted.

- A. The Licensee is exempt from the requirements of section 2.5.3 of the Standard Supply Service Code with respect to the price for small volume/residential consumers, subject to the Licensee offering an equal billing plan as described in its application for exemption from Fixed Reference Price, and meeting all other undertakings and material representations contained in the application and the materials filed in connection with it.
- B. The Licensee is also exempt until and including December 31, 2004 from the requirements of sections 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 of the Standard Supply Service Code.
1. Section 2.7.2 requires that bills to SSS customers shall only reference the distributor, even if a third party is providing the standard supply service. Section 2.7.3 requires that bills to SSS customers shall only include the distributor's marketing information or promotional materials, and materials or information that the distributor is obligated to send as part of its regulated distribution function.
  2. The exemptions from the requirements of sections 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 of the Standard Supply Service Code are conditional on the following:
    - a) There being no change in the licensing conditions or requirements for the operation of the Licensee's electricity assets or any change in the terms of sections 5(2) and 5(3) of Ontario Regulation 161/99 as amended by 144/02 or any change in the SSS Code materially impacting sections 2.7.2 or 2.7.3.
    - b) Implementation of the following billing presentation, effective 30 business days after May 12, 2003:
      - There is a clear statement at the top of the electricity portion of the proposed combined bill that the Licensee is the licensed distributor and provider of standard supply service to customers in the Licensee's service area and that Utilities Kingston is an affiliate which is providing billing and administrative services only.
      - The logo statement on the top of the Utilities Kingston bill and on any subsequent page (if applicable) is not to include the statement "water, sewer gas electricity networks, all your utility services under one roof" or any statement which may confuse customers that the affiliate, Utilities Kingston, is the licensed electricity operator or distributor.
    - c) There being no promotional materials included with the combined bill or as separate mailings which relate to any competitive activities in electricity, natural gas, water distribution and waste water collection and treatment.
- C. The Licensee is exempt from the requirement to implement time-of-use pricing as of the mandatory date for RPP customers with eligible time-of-use meters as required under the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors. The mandatory time-of-use pricing date exemption expires on October, 31, 2011.

## APPENDIX A

### MARKET POWER MITIGATION REBATES

#### 1. Definitions and Interpretations

In this Licence

“embedded distributor” means a distributor who is not a market participant and to whom a host distributor distributes electricity;

“embedded generator” means a generator who is not a market participant and whose generation facility is connected to a distribution system of a distributor, but does not include a generator who consumes more electricity than it generates;

“host distributor” means a distributor who is a market participant and who distributes electricity to another distributor who is not a market participant.

In this Licence, a reference to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO includes interim payments made by the IESO.

#### 2. Information Given to IESO

- a Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor, the distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with information in respect of the volumes of electricity withdrawn by the distributor from the IESO-controlled grid during the rebate period and distributed by the distributor in the distributor’s service area to:
  - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
  - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- b Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the embedded distributor shall provide the host distributor, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified in the Retail Settlement Code, with the volumes of electricity distributed during the rebate period by the embedded distributor’s host distributor to the embedded distributor net of any electricity distributed to the embedded distributor which is attributable to embedded generation and distributed by the embedded distributor in the embedded distributor’s service area to:
  - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
  - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- c Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity

consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the host distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with the information provided to the host distributor by the embedded distributor in accordance with section 2.

The IESO may issue instructions or directions providing for any information to be given under this section. The IESO shall rely on the information provided to it by distributors and there shall be no opportunity to correct any such information or provide any additional information and all amounts paid shall be final and binding and not subject to any adjustment.

For the purposes of attributing electricity distributed to an embedded distributor to embedded generation, the volume of electricity distributed by a host distributor to an embedded distributor shall be deemed to consist of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid or supplied to the host distributor by an embedded generator in the same proportion as the total volume of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid by the distributor in the rebate period bears to the total volume of electricity supplied to the distributor by embedded generators during the rebate period.

### **3. Pass Through of Rebate**

A distributor shall promptly pass through, with the next regular bill or settlement statement after the rebate amount is received, any rebate received from the IESO, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt, to:

- a retailers who serve one or more consumers in the distributor's service area where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented;
- b consumers who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and who are not served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
- c embedded distributors to whom the distributor distributes electricity.

The amounts paid out to the recipients listed above shall be based on energy consumed and calculated in accordance with the rules set out in the Retail Settlement Code. These payments may be made by way of set off at the option of the distributor.

If requested in writing by OPGI, the distributor shall ensure that all rebates are identified as coming from OPGI in the following form on or with each applicable bill or settlement statement:

“ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. rebate”

Any rebate amount which cannot be distributed as provided above or which is returned by a retailer to the distributor in accordance with its licence shall be promptly returned to the host distributor or IESO as applicable, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt.

Nothing shall preclude an agreement whereby a consumer assigns the benefit of a rebate payment to a retailer or another party.

Pending pass-through or return to the IESO of any rebate received, the distributor shall hold the funds received in trust for the beneficiaries thereof in a segregated account.

## **ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. REBATES**

For the payments that relate to the period from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2009, the rules set out below shall apply.

### **1. Definitions and Interpretations**

In this Licence

“embedded distributor” means a distributor who is not a market participant and to whom a host distributor distributes electricity;

“embedded generator” means a generator who is not a market participant and whose generation facility is connected to a distribution system of a distributor, but does not include a generator who consumes more electricity than it generates;

“host distributor” means a distributor who is a market participant and who distributes electricity to another distributor who is not a market participant.

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### **2. Information Given to IESO**

- a Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor, the distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with information in respect of the volumes of electricity withdrawn by the distributor from the IESO-controlled grid during the rebate period and distributed by the distributor in the distributor’s service area to:
  - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented and the consumer is not receiving the prices established under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*; and
  - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- b Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the embedded distributor shall provide the host distributor, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified in the Retail Settlement Code, with the volumes of electricity distributed during the rebate period by the embedded distributor’s host distributor to the embedded distributor net of any electricity distributed to the embedded distributor which is attributable to embedded generation and distributed by the embedded distributor in the embedded distributor’s service area to:

- i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
  - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- c Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the host distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with the information provided to the host distributor by the embedded distributor in accordance with section 2.

The IESO may issue instructions or directions providing for any information to be given under this section. The IESO shall rely on the information provided to it by distributors and there shall be no opportunity to correct any such information or provide any additional information and all amounts paid shall be final and binding and not subject to any adjustment.

For the purposes of attributing electricity distributed to an embedded distributor to embedded generation, the volume of electricity distributed by a host distributor to an embedded distributor shall be deemed to consist of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid or supplied to the host distributor by an embedded generator in the same proportion as the total volume of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid by the distributor in the rebate period bears to the total volume of electricity supplied to the distributor by embedded generators during the rebate period.

### **3. Pass Through of Rebate**

A distributor shall promptly pass through, with the next regular bill or settlement statement after the rebate amount is received, any rebate received from the IESO, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt, to:

- a retailers who serve one or more consumers in the distributor's service area where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented and the consumer is not receiving the prices established under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;
- b consumers who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and who are not served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
- c embedded distributors to whom the distributor distributes electricity.

The amounts paid out to the recipients listed above shall be based on energy consumed and calculated in accordance with the rules set out in the Retail Settlement Code. These payments may be made by way of set off at the option of the distributor.

If requested in writing by OPGI, the distributor shall ensure that all rebates are identified as coming from OPGI in the following form on or with each applicable bill or settlement statement:

"ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. rebate"

Any rebate amount which cannot be distributed as provided above or which is returned by a retailer to the distributor in accordance with its licence shall be promptly returned to the host distributor or IESO as applicable, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt.

Nothing shall preclude an agreement whereby a consumer assigns the benefit of a rebate payment to a retailer or another party.

Pending pass-through or return to the IESO of any rebate received, the distributor shall hold the funds received in trust for the beneficiaries thereof in a segregated account.