

EB-2007-0968

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 Hydro One Networks Inc. and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. seeking an order to amend their current Electricity Distribution Licences (ED-2003-0043 and ED-2002-0565 respectively);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order granting leave to sell distribution assets necessary in serving the public to Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") and Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. ("Guelph Hydro") filed a joint application with the Ontario Energy Board on December 24, 2007 under sections 74 and 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. Additional information was received from the applicants on March 14, 2008 which contained minor revisions to the original application. The application seeks an order of the Board to amend the applicants' licensed distribution service areas and to approve the sale of distribution assets necessary in serving the public from Hydro One to Guelph Hydro. The Board assigned file number EB-2007-0968 to the application.

The Board issued its Notice of Application and Written Hearing on January 24, 2008. The notice was served upon the customers proposed to be transferred to Guelph Hydro from Hydro One. No customers responded to the Notice of Application and Written Hearing.

The lands that are the subject of the service area amendment are described in Appendix A to this Decision and Order.

The service area amendments are sought in order to redefine the boundary between Hydro One and Guelph Hydro to reflect the customers they are serving and to eliminate the long term load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. A long term load transfer is a situation in which a customer is within one distributor's service area but is actually served electricity from a second distributor. In this case, Guelph Hydro is the physical distributor (i.e., provides the physical delivery of electricity to the customers) while Hydro One is the geographic distributor (i.e., licensed to serve the customers).

Section 6.5.4 of the Board's Distribution System Code requires distributors to eliminate long term load transfers before January 31, 2009.

The proposed service area amendment would transfer 33 customers who are currently connected to Guelph Hydro's distribution system but are located within Hydro One's licensed service area, to Guelph Hydro's licensed service area. Presently, the 33 customers are Hydro One customers. After the amendment, these customers will be billed and otherwise served by Guelph Hydro as Guelph Hydro customers.

The proposed service area amendment would also expand Guelph Hydro's service area to include three customers who are currently supplied and billed by Guelph Hydro but are located within Hydro One's licensed service area. It will also expand Hydro One's service area to include one customer who is currently supplied and billed by Hydro One but is located within Guelph Hydro's licensed service area. These customers are not served through load transfer arrangements between the two distributors. The service area amendments are sought by Hydro One and Guelph Hydro to reflect the inclusion of their respective customers. After the amendment, these four customers will remain as customers of their current electricity distributors

The assets proposed to be sold by Hydro One to Guelph Hydro in this transaction consist of eight overhead transformers ranging from 10 KVA to 225 KVA and one 50 KVA underground transformer. These assets serve, and will continue to serve, the transferred customers as part of Guelph Hydro's distribution system.

FINDINGS

Both the service area amendment and the sale of assets are mainly prompted by the Board's policy that long term load transfers are to be eliminated by January 31, 2009. The application is consistent with that Board policy.

The distribution rates for the customers being transferred will not increase as a result of the amendment. According to the application, service quality will not be affected. The application also states that the proposed service area amendments will allow both distributors to serve their customers more effectively and will not impose any issues for future potential growth.

In relation to the sale of the distribution assets from Hydro One to Guelph Hydro, the

application states that it is more economically efficient for Guelph to purchase Hydro One's distribution assets currently serving the customers than it would be for Hydro One to remove those assets and for Guelph Hydro to install new assets. The sale price of the assets is \$56,165.15 including GST which also represents the net book value of the assets.

I find that it is in the public interest to amend the applicants' distribution licences as requested by the applicants. I also find that it is in the public interest to grant Hydro One leave to sell the assets described above to Guelph Hydro.

The approval of this application should in no way be construed as providing the Board's opinion or position on whether Guelph Hydro will be allowed to recover the cost of the assets it is purchasing as a result of this Decision and Order in a future rates application. The prudence of the costs incurred in purchasing the assets will be considered by the panel assigned to the rates case and that panel will determine if the costs should be recovered in rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Guelph Hydro's Distribution Licence (ED-2002-0565) specifically, Schedule 1 of the licence, is amended as requested by the applicants.
- 2. Hydro One's Distribution Licence (ED-2003-0043) specifically, tabs one and four of Appendix B to the licence, are amended as requested by the applicants.
- 3. Hydro One is granted leave to sell the assets generally described above and more specifically described in the application.

Under section 7(1) of the Act, this decision may be appealed to the Board within 15 days.

DATED at Toronto, March 20, 2008.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea Counsel, Special Projects

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Description of the Lands that are the Subject of the Service Area Amendment - EB-2007-0968

Lands Proposed to be Transferred to Guelph Hydro's Service Area from Hydro One's Service Area to Eliminate their Long Term Load Transfer Arrangements

NO	Premise Address	Legal Description	Township	NO	Premise Address	Legal Description	Township
1	339 DOWNEY RD	L15 C5	PUSLINCH	18	832 VICTORIA RD S	L2 C9	PUSLINCH
2	341 DOWNEY RD	L15 C5	PUSLINCH	19	880 VICTORIA RD S	L2 C9	PUSLINCH
3	117 FALL ST N	L6 C4	ERAMOSA	20	880 VICTORIA RD S	L2 C9	PUSLINCH
4	8449 HARRIS ST	L4 C5	ERAMOSA	21	976 VICTORIA RD S	L3 C9	PUSLINCH
5	72 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	22	998 VICTORIA RD S	L4 C9	PUSLINCH
6	80 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	23	1028 VICTORIA RD S	L4 C9	PUSLINCH
7	85 MALTBY RD E	L16 C8	PUSLINCH	24	1032 VICTORIA RD S	L4 C9	PUSLINCH
8	88 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	25	1038 VICTORIA RD S	L4 C9	PUSLINCH
9	104 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	26	1046 VICTORIA RD S	L4 C9	PUSLINCH
10	120 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	27	1096 VICTORIA RD S	L5 C9	PUSLINCH
11	168 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	28	1096 VICTORIA RD S	L5 C9	PUSLINCH
12	192 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	29	1216 VICTORIA RD S	L6 C9	PUSLINCH
13	224 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	30	1938 VICTORIA RD S	L14 C9	PUSLINCH
14	251 MALTBY RD E	L16 C8	PUSLINCH	31	2172 VICTORIA RD S	L14 C9	PUSLINCH
15	264 MALTBY RD W	L16 C7	PUSLINCH	32	2188 VICTORIA RD S	L15 C9	PUSLINCH
16	381 MALTBY RD E	L16 C8	PUSLINCH	33	410 WATSON RD	L6 C1	GUELPH
17	461 MALTBY RD E	L16 C8	PUSLINCH				

NO

Lands Proposed to be Transferred to Guelph Hydro's Service Area from Hydro One's Service Area to Redefine their Boundary to Reflect the Customers they are Serving

NO	Premise Address	Legal Description	Township
1	490 WELLINGTON ST W	L1 C1	GUELPH
3	490 WELLINGTON ST W	L1 to L5 - C5	GUELPH
3	51 PARKINSON DR	L3 C4	GUELPH

Lands Proposed to be Transferred to Hydro One's Service Area from Guelph Hydro's Service Area to Redefine their Boundary to Reflect the Customers they are Serving

Premise Address	Legal Description	Township
675 SPEEDVALE AVE E	L3 C5	GUELPH



Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0565

Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

Valid Until

March 31, 2023

Original signed by

Jennifer Lea Counsel, Special Projects

Ontario Energy Board

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Date of Amendment: March 20, 2008

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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;

"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 Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.

"Market Rules" means the rules made under section 32 of the Electricity Act;

"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;

"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 and 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:
 - 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:

- 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.

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.
- 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:
 - 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;
- 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;
- 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 June 3, 2003 and expire on March 31, 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.

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 Guelph as at April 1, 1993.
- 2. Customers located in the following areas of the Township of Puslinch:

Lot 15, Concession 5 Lot 16 Concession 7 Lot 16 Concession 8 Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Concession 9 Lots14 and 15 Concession 9

3. Customers located in the following areas of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa:

Lot 6 Concession 1, Township of Guelph Lot 6 Concession 4, Township of Eramosa Lot 4 Concession 5, Township of Eramosa Lot 1 Concession 1, Township of Guelph Lots 1 to 5 Concession 5, Township of Guelph Lot 3 Concession 4, Township of Eramosa

4. Except customer on Lot 3 Concession 5 of the Township of Guelph, with the following civic address: 675 Speedvale Ave.

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.

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.

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.*
- 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.

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 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:

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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.