



# **Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario**

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

**EB-2015-0201**

### **CORNWALL STREET RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED**

**Application for Exemption to Section 2.6.1A of the Distribution  
System Code**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Peter Fraser**  
Vice President,  
Industry Operations & Performance

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**October 8, 2015**

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## DECISION AND ORDER

Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited (Cornwall Electric) filed an application on June 16, 2015 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an exemption to Section 2.6.1A of the Distribution System Code (DSC) for its customers. This section of the DSC relates to issuing bills to non-seasonal residential customers and general service under 50 kW customers on a monthly basis.

Cornwall Electric stated that because it is not connected to the IESO controlled grid and Time-of-use pricing is not available to its customers it should be exempt from section 2.6.1A of the DSC. Cornwall Electric indicated that since it does not use smart meters or interval meters a change to monthly billing would increase meter reading costs in addition to incremental costs due to bill production, mailing, and system or process changes. Cornwall Electric stated that it does offer other equalized monthly bill plans as well as e-billing solutions. Cornwall Electric also stated that it invoices its residential customers on a bi-monthly basis and its commercial/industrial customers on a monthly basis.

A Notice of Application and Written Hearing was posted on the OEB's website on July 3, 2015. The Notice provided time for interrogatories and submissions on the application, as well as a reply from the applicant. No parties responded to the Notice.

This Decision and Order is being issued by Delegated Authority, pursuant to Section 6 of the OEB Act.

### Findings

I find that the exemption to 2.6.1A of the DSC with regard to billing frequency should be granted. Cornwall Electric will be exempted from the requirement to provide monthly bills for its customers.

I find Cornwall Electric's reasons for the exemption to monthly billing as reasonable given its unique circumstances within the Ontario electricity market. However, I note that in its comments on the proposed amendments to the DSC, Cornwall Electric stated that it only uses estimated readings on an exceptional basis and customer disconnects are not based on an estimated bill. I expect Cornwall Electric to continue with this practice during the course of this exemption.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited's Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2004-0405, specifically Schedule 3 List of Code Exemptions, is amended to include an exemption from Section 2.6.1A of the Distribution System Code. This exemption shall be effective as of April 15, 2015.

**DATED** at Toronto, October 8, 2015

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original signed by*

Peter Fraser  
Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance



# Electricity Distribution Licence

## ED-2009-0072

### Algoma Power Inc.

Valid Until

May 4, 2029

*Original signed by*

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**Peter Fraser**  
**Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance**  
**Ontario Energy Board**

**Date of Issuance: May 5, 2009**  
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| EB-2009-0403          | January 11, 2010         |
| EB-2010-0215          | November 12, 2010        |
| EB-2010-0307          | March 29, 2011           |
| EB-2011-0402          | April 25, 2012           |
| EB-2012-0339          | November 8, 2012         |
| EB-2013-0056          | June 20, 2013            |
| EB-2014-0324          | December 18, 2014        |
| EB-2015-0199          | October 8, 2015          |

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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;

**“IESO”** means the Independent Electricity System Operator;

**“Licensee”** means Algoma Power Inc.;

**“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 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:
- 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.

### **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 May 5, 2009 and expire on May 4, 2029. 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 2011-2014 Conservation and Demand Management Framework**

21.1.1 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 1.280 MW, and its 2011-2014 Net Cumulative Energy Savings Target of 7.370 GWh (collectively the "CDM Targets"), over a four-year period beginning January 1, 2011.

21.1.2 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).

21.1.3 The Licensee shall make its best efforts to deliver a mix of CDM Programs to all consumer types in the Licensee's service area.

21.1.4 The Licensee shall comply with the rules mandated by the Board's Conservation and Demand Management Code for Electricity Distributors.

21.1.5 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.

### **21.2 2015-2020 Conservation and Demand Management Framework**

21.2.1 The Licensee shall, between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2020, make CDM programs, available to customers in its licensed service area and shall, as far as is appropriate and reasonable having regard to the composition of its customer base, do so in relation to each customer segment in its service area ("CDM Requirement").

21.2.2 The CDM programs referred to in item 21.2.1 above shall be designed to achieve reductions in electricity consumption.

21.2.3 The Licensee shall meet its CDM Requirement by:

- a) making Province-Wide Distributor CDM Programs, funded by the Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA"), available to customers in its licensed service area;
- b) making Local Distributor CDM Programs, funded by the OPA, available to customers in its licensed service area; or
- c) a combination of a) and b).

21.2.4 The Licensee shall, as far as possible having regard to any confidentiality or privacy constraints, make the details and results of Local Distributor CDM Programs available to other licensed electricity distributors upon request.

21.2.5 The Licensee shall, as far as possible having regard to any confidentiality or privacy constraints, make the details and results of Local Distributor CDM Programs available to any other person upon request.

21.2.6 The Licensee shall report to the OPA the results of the CDM programs in accordance with the requirements of the licensee's "CDM-related" contract with the OPA.

## **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 Licensee is licensed in respect to the geographic area comprised of the following list of townships:

|                |                           |             |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Memaskwosh     | Wishart                   | Miskokomon  |
| Alanen         | Herrick                   | Dulhut      |
| Charbonneau    | Tilley                    | Nebon       |
| Dahl           | Marne                     | Laronde     |
| Dumas          | Havilland                 | Redsky      |
| Finan          | Shields                   | Allouez     |
| Riggs          | Kars                      | Stone       |
| Rennie         | Vankoughnet               | Alaire      |
| Keating        | Hodgins                   | Barager     |
| Knically       |                           | Bray        |
| Leclaire       | Aweres                    | Broome      |
| Aguonie        | Anderson                  | Goodwillie  |
| Bruyere        |                           | Grootenboer |
| Legarde Add'l  | Garden River Reserve IR14 | Labonte     |
| Levesque       | Chesley Add'l             | Peever      |
| Menzies        | Aberdeen                  | Raaflaub    |
| Corbiere       |                           | Smilsky     |
| Debassige      | Tarbutt & Tarbutt Add'l   | Tronsen     |
| Echum          | Plummer Add'l             | Nicolet     |
| Warpula        | Rose                      | Olsen       |
| Michipicoten   | St. Joseph                | Palmer      |
| Fiddler        | Jocelyn                   | Brule       |
| Keesickquayash | Ashley                    | Fisher      |
| Groseilliers   | Chapais                   | Archibald   |
| Bostwick       | Dambrossio                | Ley         |
| Lastheels      |                           | Tupper      |
| Michano        | Jacobson                  | Gaudette    |
| Nadjiwon       | West                      | Fenwick     |
| Rabazo         | Stover                    | Deroche     |
| Nebonaionquet  | Killins                   | Whitman     |



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| Peterson   | Lalibert     | Pennefather                             |
| Restoule   | Abotossaway  | Jarvis                                  |
| Tiernan    | Bird         | Chesley                                 |
| Stoney     | Copenace     | Noganosh                                |
| Asselin    | Legarde      | Pawlis                                  |
| Barnes     | Macaskill    | Quill                                   |
| Brimacombe | Musquash     | Giles                                   |
| Bullock    | Cowie        | Rix                                     |
| Greenwood  | Dolson       | Duncan                                  |
| Labelle    | St. Germain  | Kehoe                                   |
| Larson     | Andre        | MacDonald, Meredith &<br>Aberdeen Add'l |
| Home       | Esquega      | Galbraith                               |
| Slater     | Isaac        | Laird                                   |
| Tolmonen   | Laforme      | Johnson                                 |
| Kincaid    | Franchere    |   |
| Norberg    | Michipicoten | Hilton                                  |
| Ryan       | Maness       | Morin                                   |

2. Concessions 3, 4 and 5 of the Township of Dennis;
3. Approximately forty (40) square kilometres at the western limit of the former Township of Thessalon;
4. 5 rural customers in Kirkwood Township supplied off two short line taps into the Township;
5. Plus the following locations within the City of Sault Ste. Marie:
  - (a) 45 Third Line West as at March 14, 2003, excluding those areas of land within 45 Third Line West that are serviced by PUC Distribution Inc. (PUC) as identified in PUC's distribution licence, those being:
    - the areas of land on which the facilities on the northeast corner of 45 Third Line West are located, namely the "gatehouse" and "office";
  - (b) 77 Third Line West as at July 9, 2004;
  - (c) 3 Sackville Road;
  - (d) 150 Conmee Avenue;
  - (e) 429 Hudson Street, excluding those areas within 429 Hudson Street that are serviced by PUC as identified in PUC's distribution licence, those being:

- (i) the area of land on which the facility near the northwest corner of Hudson Street and Wellington Street West is located, namely the “yard office”;
    - (ii) the area of land on which the facility near the junction of Hudson Street and St. George Avenue West is located, namely the “skimmer shack”; and
    - (iii) the area of land on which the railroad crossing signals are located, near the junction of Hudson Street and St. Andrew Terrace; and
  - (f) 2 Sackville Road.
6. The service area excludes the following locations west of Thessalon on the north side of Hwy.17 which are supplied by Hydro One Networks Inc.:
- (a) 12564 Highway 17 West
  - (b) 12600 Highway 17 West

**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.

1. The Licensee is exempt from the provisions of the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors requiring time-of-use pricing for Regulated Price Plan consumers with eligible time-of-use meters, as of the mandatory date. This exemption applies only for service for the identified 350 hard to reach customers, who as of June 11, 2015 and as per Decision and Order EB-2015-0199 are outside the reach of the Licensee's smart meter telecommunications infrastructure. This exemption expires December 31, 2019.
2. The Licensee is exempt from the requirements of the following sections of the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters under the conditions specified in section 2 of this Schedule:

#### **Section 2.2.2**

Where a utility shares information services with an affiliate, all confidential information must be protected from access by the affiliate. Access to a utility's information services shall include appropriate computer data management and data access protocols as well as contractual provisions regarding the breach of any access protocols. A utility shall, if required to do so by the Board, conduct a review of the adequacy, implementation or operating effectiveness of the access protocols and associated contractual provisions which complies with the provision of section 5970 of the CICA Handbook. A utility shall also conduct such a review when the utility considers that there may have been a breach of the access protocols or associated contractual provisions and that such review is required to identify any corrective action that may be required to address the matter. The utility shall comply with such directions as may be given by the Board in relations to the terms of section 5970 review. The results of any such review shall be made available to the Board.

#### **Section 2.2.3**

A utility shall not share with an affiliate that is an energy service provider employees that are directly involved in collecting, or have access to, confidential information.

3. The Exemptions from the requirements of the Affiliate Relationship Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters referred to section 2 of this Schedule (the "Exemptions") are subject to the following conditions:
  - a) The exemptions only apply in respect of the relationship between the Licensee and the following affiliates and not with respect to any other affiliates of the Licensee:
    - FortisOntario Inc.;
    - Fortis Properties Corporation; and
    - Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power Company Limited.
    - Canadian Niagara Power Inc.

- b) The Licensee shall not share facilities, confidential information or employees with any affiliate identified in paragraph a) for any purpose other than the provision of services to, or the receipt of services from, the affiliate under the Services Agreements dated September 15, 2010 (the "Services Agreements") as filed with the Board as part of the materials filed in support of the application for the Exemptions, as such Services Agreements may be amended from time to time.
  - c) The activities of the Licensee relative to the affiliates identified in paragraph a) shall be governed by, and the Licensee shall be bound by and comply with, the Services Agreements, as amended from time to time.
  - d) The Licensee shall notify the Board of any material change relative to the materials filed in support of the application for the Exemptions as soon as possible upon becoming aware of such change and in no event later than fifteen days following the date on which the change occurs. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this obligation includes notifying the Board in the event of a change in the market activities of either FortisOntario Inc. or Fortis Properties Corporation.
  - e) The Board may, on its own initiative or upon receipt of notice from the Licensee under paragraph d), by order revoke one or more of the Exemptions, vary one or more of the conditions set out above or impose additional conditions upon becoming aware of any material change relative to the materials filed in support of the application for Exemptions, or for such other reason as the Board considers appropriate.
4. The Licensee is exempt from the provisions of Section 2.10.1 and Sections 7.11.1 to 7.11.7 of the Distribution System Code limiting the use of estimated billing and requiring billing accuracy. This exemption applies only for service to approximately 191 of the identified hard to reach customers who as of June 11, 2015 and as per Decision and Order EB-2015-0199 would fail to meet the Distribution System Code requirements for accurate bills. The identified customers include customers outside the smart meter telecommunications infrastructure reach of Algoma Power Inc. and new hard to reach customers who are expected to be connected to Algoma Power Inc.'s service area during the requested exemption period. This exemption shall be effective as of April 15, 2015 until December 31, 2019.

## 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;

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  - 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
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- 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*.
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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.

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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
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