



# **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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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