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Mr. Doug Bradbury
Cornwall Street Railway
Light & Power Company Limited (Cornwall Power)
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c/o Douglas Bradbury

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

RE: Ontario Electricity Support Program

Pursuant to subsection 79.2(11) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has determined that, as a condition of Cornwall Power's electricity distribution licence, Cornwall Power is required to provide the same amount of rate assistance under the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to eligible residential customers in its service area as it would have to apply if it were rate-regulated by the OEB.¹ The OEB has made this determination without a hearing, in accordance with subsection 70(1.1) of the Act.

As a licensed distributor, Cornwall Power is subject to the provisions of the Distribution System Code concerning the OESP.² Cornwall Power is also required under subsection 4(1) of Ontario Regulation 314/15 (Ontario Electricity Support Program) to collect a charge from its customers to fund the OESP.³ However, because Cornwall Power is not rate-regulated by the OEB, it is not directly subject to the generic rate order issued by the OEB on November 19, 2015 (EB-2015-0294), which set out the amount of the monthly OESP credits to be provided to eligible consumers.

¹ Subsection 79.2(11) of the Act stipulates that every licence issued to a distributor is "deemed to contain conditions requiring the licensee to do anything necessary to implement and administer the provision of rate assistance [under the OESP] as may be required by the Board".

² Cornwall Power's licence requires compliance with the Distribution System Code except for certain enumerated provisions of the Code.

³ The regulation stipulates that the amount of the charge to be collected by Cornwall Power is the same as the charge collected by the Independent Electricity System Operator from market participants. The OEB has calculated the amount of the charge as \$0.0011 per kilowatt-hour: Decision and Order dated November 19, 2015 (EB-2015-0294).

Accordingly, this letter is required to ensure that Cornwall applies the same amount of monthly OESP rate assistance to its eligible customers as rate-regulated distributors apply to theirs. Effective January 1, 2016, these amounts are as follows for each class of consumer that has been identified as eligible for OESP in section 9.1 of the Distribution System Code:

Table 1: Basic OESP Classes and Monthly Credit Amounts

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of people)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28,000 or less	A (\$30)	A (\$30)	B (\$34)	C (\$38)	D (\$42)	F (\$50)	F (\$50)
28,001 – 39,000			A (\$30)	B (\$34)	C (\$38)	D (\$42)	F (\$50)
39,001 – 48,000					A (\$30)	B (\$34)	C (\$38)
48,001 – 52,000							A (\$30)

Table 2: Supplementary OESP Classes and Monthly Credit Amounts (for households that rely on electric heat or electricity-intensive medical devices, and for First Nations and Métis households)

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of people)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28,000 or less	E (\$45)	E (\$45)	F (\$50)	G (\$55)	H (\$60)	I (\$75)	I (\$75)
28,001 – 39,000			E (\$45)	F (\$50)	G (\$55)	H (\$60)	I (\$75)
39,001 – 48,000					E (\$45)	F (\$50)	G (\$55)
48,001 – 52,000							E (\$45)

Pursuant to subsection 3(4) of O. Reg. 314/15, Cornwall will be compensated by the Independent Electricity System Operator on a monthly basis for the cost of applying the OESP credits on eligible customers' bills.

Thank you for Cornwall's co-operation in delivering this important program for low-income electricity consumers. If you have any questions please contact Rachel.Anderson@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kristen Walli
Board Secretary