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Dubreuil Lumber Inc. (Dubreuil)
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c/o Ken Buchanan

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

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 Dubreuil's electricity distribution licence, Dubreuil is required to provide rate assistance under the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to eligible residential customers in its service area beginning on January 1, 2016, in the same manner as though 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.

Applying OESP credits on eligible customers' bills

In particular, the OEB has determined that, although Dubreuil's licence does not include a condition requiring compliance with the OEB's Distribution System Code, Dubreuil shall, beginning on January 1, 2016, comply with chapter 9 of the Code, which sets out the OESP requirements for licensed distributors. Please note that these requirements

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".

include the obligation to report monthly to Dubreuil's host distributor, Algoma Power Inc., on the amount of OESP credits provided by Dubreuil to its customers.²

Because Dubreuil 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 established the amount of the monthly OESP credits to be provided to eligible consumers. Nevertheless, by this letter, the OEB requires Dubreuil to apply 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)

Dubreuil will recover the cost of applying the OESP credits on eligible customers' bills. Every month the Independent Electricity System Operator will compensate Dubreuil's host distributor, Algoma Power Inc., which in turn will compensate Dubreuil.

² Distribution System Code, section 9.7.

Collecting the OESP charge

As of January 1, 2016, the bill Dubreuil receives from its host distributor, Algoma Power Inc., will include a new OESP charge of \$0.0011 per kilowatt-hour. Dubreuil may pass this charge through to its own customers.

Closing

Thank you for Dubreuil'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

c.c. Algoma Power Inc. (c/o Douglas Bradbury)