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**BY EMAIL**

May 15, 2017

Dubreuil Lumber Inc. (Dubreuil)  
c/o Tim Lavoie  
Vice President, Corporate Services & Indigenous Relations  
Algoma Power Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Lavoie,

**Re: Ontario Electricity Support Program – Credit Amounts Effective May 1, 2017**

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), which came into effect on January 1, 2016, is a program that delivers on-bill rate assistance to low-income electricity customers.

On December 22, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) [directed](#) Dubreuil to provide the same amount of OESP rate assistance to eligible residential customers in its service area as it would have to apply if it were rate-regulated by the OEB. That direction was made pursuant to subsection 79.2(11) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act), and remains in effect.<sup>1</sup>

Recently, amendments were made to [Ontario Regulation 314/15](#) (Ontario Electricity Support Program) under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, effective May 1, 2017. The revised regulation increases the OESP credits available to eligible households by 50%. In addition, the revised regulation expands the eligibility for the program by adding new classes of eligible households. On April 25, 2017, the OEB issued an [order](#) to rate-regulated distributors requiring them to apply the revised credit amounts established by

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<sup>1</sup> 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”.

the regulation, effective May 1, 2017 (EB-2016-0376). The revised OESP credits are shown in the tables below.

**Table 1: Sliding Scale for Typical Customer**

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$45	\$45	\$51	\$57	\$63	\$75	\$75
28,001 – 39,000		\$40	\$45	\$51	\$57	\$63	\$75
39,001 – 48,000			\$35	\$40	\$45	\$51	\$57
48,001 – 52,000					\$35	\$40	\$45

**Table 2: Sliding Scale for Energy Intensive Customers\***

Household Income (\$)	Household Size (# of People)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7+
28,000 OR LESS	\$68	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113	\$113
28,001 – 39,000		\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83	\$90	\$113
39,001 – 48,000			\$52	\$60	\$68	\$75	\$83
48,001 – 52,000					\$52	\$60	\$68

*\*Applicable to households that are reliant on electric heat or electricity-intensive medical devices, as well as Indigenous households.*

As a result of the OEB's December 22, 2015 letter, Dubreuil is required to provide these updated OESP credits to its eligible customers, effective May 1, 2017.

Thank you for Dubreuil's co-operation in delivering this important program for low-income electricity consumers. Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to [industryrelations@oeb.ca](mailto:industryrelations@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary