

Online Verification Form Electricity Contract Entered into by Mail: Residential Consumers

Instructions for using this form:

1. *This form must only be used for residential consumers that have entered into a contract for electricity by mail.*
2. *In this form, the term “energy retailer” is used to refer to the electricity retailer.*
3. *The online verification process must be automatically terminated if Ontario Regulation 389/10 (General) made under the Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010 (the ECPA Regulation) or this form so requires. Among other things, the online verification process must be terminated if at any time it appears that verification is taking place on a date that is outside the window allowed by the ECPA Regulation. Where the online verification process must be terminated by reason of the above, a termination message must automatically be displayed on the consumer’s device advising the consumer in plain language the reason why that is the case. The message cannot contain any statements regarding any benefit to the consumer that may be lost as a result of the termination of the online verification process, but must indicate in neutral terms that the contract will become invalid if it is not verified within the time allowed by the ECPA Regulation and that the consumer’s energy supply arrangements will remain as they are on the date of the consumer’s online verification session.*
4. *The online verification process must be automatically terminated if the consumer clicks any of the boxes in the form that are presented in red font.*
5. *Additional instructions are embedded in the form, in italics.*

Section 1: Consent		
I understand that my responses and information provided during this online contract verification session are being recorded and maintained for regulatory purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I understand that entering and leaving my personal information on a public computer is not recommended.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Section 2: What this Online Contract Verification Session is For		
I confirm that I signed up for a contract to buy electricity for a home from <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I understand that this online contract verification session is to confirm that I want to continue with the contract with <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> to buy electricity. I understand that I don’t have to continue with the contract with <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> . I also understand that if	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>I don't confirm the contract:</p> <p>(a) I will keep buying my electricity like I do today; and (b) I won't have to pay any cancellation fees.</p>		
<p>I understand that if I confirm that I want to continue with the contract, I will be buying my electricity from <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i>.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><i>[The following to be included by an energy retailer that also makes telephone verification available]</i> I would prefer to confirm the contract by telephone. Please have someone call me.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>I would like to continue with my online contract verification session. <i>[If the consumer clicks "Yes", a message inviting the consumer to download or print a copy of their contract, the disclosure statement and price comparison must automatically be displayed on the consumer's device.]</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Section 3: Information We Have About You</p>		
<p>Below is information that we have about you and the home. Please review it carefully to make sure it is accurate.</p>		
<p>My name is: <i>[insert consumer name]</i></p> <p>The address of the home that will be supplied with electricity under the contract is: <i>[insert service address]</i></p> <p>The address where the electricity bill is sent for the home that will be supplied with electricity under the contract is: <i>[insert billing address]</i></p>		
<p>I confirm that all of the above information is accurate.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p><i>[The following additional information and confirmation question is optional, and can be included if desired]</i></p> <p>Below is information that we have about the electricity utility account for the home. Please review it carefully to make sure it is accurate.</p> <p>My electricity utility is <i>[insert name of electricity utility]</i></p> <p>The electricity utility account number for the home is <i>[insert account number]</i></p>		
<p>I confirm that all of the above information is accurate.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Section 4: Confirmation that You Were Authorized to Sign Up for the Contract</p>		
<p>Please check only one of a, b, or c. If none apply, check here: <input type="checkbox"/> None apply</p>		

I confirm that:		
a. I am the person whose name is on the electricity bill for the home OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
b. I am the spouse of the person whose name is on the electricity bill for the home OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
c. I have been authorized to sign up for the contract by the person whose name is on the electricity bill for the home	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Section 5: Getting the Contract, Disclosure Statement and Price Comparison		
Did you sign the contract on <i>[insert month, day, year]</i> and send it back to <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
When you got the contract, did you also receive a disclosure statement that explains basic information about energy contracts and your rights and responsibilities as an energy consumer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
When you got the contract, did you also receive an electricity price comparison that explains how the price in <i>[insert energy retailer name's]</i> contract for electricity compares to the price charged by your electricity utility?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Section 6: Contract Length and Contract Price		
I understand that if I confirm the contract, I will be buying electricity from <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> for <i>[insert contract term]</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
I understand that the price for electricity under the contract is <i>[insert details of the electricity contract price]</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>I understand that the price for electricity under the contract only covers part of my electricity bill. I will still be responsible for paying other charges like delivery charges and taxes in order to have electricity delivered to the home.</p> <p>I also understand that I will still be responsible for paying my share of the Global Adjustment in addition to the price for electricity under the contract. For more information about the Global Adjustment, click <here>.</p> <p><i>[If the consumer clicks “<here>”, the following text must be displayed on the consumer’s device: Most electricity generating companies get a guaranteed price for the electricity that they produce. The Global Adjustment is the difference between that guaranteed price and the money the generators earn in the wholesale marketplace. The Global Adjustment also covers the costs of some conservation programs. The amount of the Global Adjustment can change every month.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>Although it can be a credit, the Global Adjustment has been a charge almost all the time since 2006. Under the law all electricity consumers have to pay a share of the Global Adjustment. The electricity prices charged by your electricity utility already include an estimate of the Global Adjustment. If you confirm that you want to continue with the contract for electricity, you will have to pay your share of the Global Adjustment on top of the contract price.]</p>		
<p>I understand that there is no guarantee that the contract with <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> will save me any money on my electricity.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Section 7: Where to Get More Information</p>		
<p>You can get information about energy contracts, energy prices and your rights and responsibilities as an energy consumer from the Ontario Energy Board. The Ontario Energy Board is the independent government agency that oversees the electricity and natural gas sectors in Ontario. To learn more, click <here>. <i>[If the consumer clicks <here>, the homepage of the OEB's consumer website must open in a new window.]</i></p>		
<p>Section 8: Confirming Whether you Want to Continue with the Contract</p>		
<p>Not yet, I need more time. I understand that I can come back and finish this online contract verification session later which will remain available to me until <i>[insert date]</i>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I Need More Time</p>		
<p>No, I don't want the contract. I understand that if I check the box below, the contract to buy electricity from <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> will become invalid. I will still have electricity service for the home. I will not have to pay any cancellation fees.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I Have Changed My Mind About the Contract</p>		
<p>Yes, I want the contract. I understand that if I check the box below, I am agreeing to buy electricity from <i>[insert energy retailer name]</i> at the price and for the length of time set out in Section 6.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I Confirm that I want to Continue with the Contract</p> <p>To finish this online contract verification session and confirm your contract, please read about your right to cancel the contract below.</p>		
<p>I understand that I can cancel the contract up to 30 days after I receive the second bill that shows the contract price. I understand that I have to pay that bill, but I won't have to pay any cancellation fees. If I cancel after that, I may have to pay a cancellation fee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read about my right to cancel the contract after receiving the second bill.</p> <p><i>[The consumer cannot be allowed to check this box unless the consumer has (i) provided a response in respect of each question or statement in sections 1 to 7; and (ii) the</i></p>		

consumer has checked the “I Confirm that I want to Continue with the Contract...” box in section 8. If the consumer attempts to check this box without having done both (i) and (ii), an automatic message must be displayed on the consumer’s device inviting the consumer to complete the missing information. If the consumer has done both (i) and (ii) and is able to and does check this box, the following must then be displayed on the consumer’s device: Your contract to buy electricity from [insert energy retailer name] has been confirmed. Please contact [insert name of, and telephone number for, the energy retailer] if you have any questions about your contract or about when electricity will start to be supplied under the contract.]