



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

DECISION AND ORDER

EB-2017-0236

2472883 ONTARIO LIMITED ON BEHALF OF WATAYNIKANEYAP LP

Application for an Electricity Distribution Licence

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson
Vice President,
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

September 28, 2017

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

2472883 Ontario Limited on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP (WPLP) filed an application on June 15, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an electricity distribution licence. The application pertains to a distribution system in northwestern Ontario between Red Lake and the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve that WPLP is developing and intends to construct, own and operate (Pikangikum Project). According to the application, the Pikangikum Project is being developed to address an urgent need for grid connection of the Pikangikum First Nation on an interim basis until such time as the Pikangikum First Nation can be served by a transmission project that is also planned by WPLP.

The OEB finds that it is in the public interest to issue an electricity distribution licence to WPLP in respect of the Pikangikum Project.

This Decision and Order is being issued by Delegated Authority without a hearing, pursuant to section 6 of the OEB Act.

BACKGROUND

The Applicant

WPLP is an Ontario limited partnership, created in 2015, with interests held by two limited partnerships, First Nation LP (51%) and Fortis (WP) LP (49%). The limited partnership interests in First Nations LP are held directly by 22 First Nations in equal shares. Fortis (WP) LP's general partner, Fortis (WP) GP Inc., is wholly owned by FortisOntario Inc., a company that owns and operates generation, transmission and distribution businesses in Ontario.

WPLP is a licensed Ontario transmitter. In accordance with its electricity transmission licence, WPLP is developing a transmission project in northwestern Ontario (Transmission Project). Briefly, the Transmission Project comprises a new transmission line originating between Ignace and Dryden and terminating at Pickle Lake, and transmission lines extending north from Pickle Lake and Red Lake as required to connect a number of remote First Nation communities. The Transmission Project as described in WPLP's transmission licence, has been declared a priority project by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 96.1 of the OEB Act. To date, no application for leave to construct the Transmission Project has been filed by WPLP with the OEB.

The Pikangikum Project

The Pikangikum First Nation is currently served by a distribution system owned and operated by Eshkotay Wayab, an independent power authority operated as a business by Pikangikum First Nation. The First Nation is served by diesel generation.

The Pikangikum Project is one part of the planned Transmission Project, specifically the portion running approximately 117 km from Red Lake to the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve. Although WPLP intends to construct the line in question using 115 kV level conductors, the line will initially be connected to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) distribution system and operated at a distribution voltage of 44 kV. According to the application, the Pikangikum Project will enable the Pikangikum First Nation to be connected to the grid by late 2018, about 3-4 years before they could be connected through the Transmission Project, and will address severe capacity constraints and significant reliability issues with the current reliance on diesel generation.

WPLP intends to design the Pikangikum Project so that it may be converted to transmission facilities in a manner that minimizes the need for additional cost or construction activity. Once the Transmission Project north of Red Lake is ready to serve additional communities, the facilities comprising the Pikangikum Project will be converted so as to instead be connected to Hydro One's transmission system and will operate at a transmission (115 kV) voltage. Through this approach, duplication of electricity infrastructure will be avoided. WPLP has stated that, when it applies for leave to construct the Transmission Project, it will among other things seek the OEB's approval to convert approximately 94 km of the Pikangikum Project to operate at transmission voltages. According to WPLP, once the Pikangikum Project goes into service, the Pikangikum First Nation will transfer the ownership and operation of its distribution assets to Hydro One Remote Connections Inc. (HORCI).

According to the application, the capital costs of developing and constructing the Pikangikum Project are expected to be paid for primarily through funding provided by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), although at the time of the application the full extent of that funding was not certain. Since the filing of the application, INAC has announced that funding in the amount of \$60 million will be provided to the Pikangikum Project. WPLP indicated that it intends to apply for approval of distribution rates, to take effect when the Pikangikum Project goes into service.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence filed, the OEB has determined that it is in the public interest to grant an electricity distribution licence to WPLP. The term of the licence is 5 years, consistent with the evidence provided by the applicant as to the period during which the Pikangikum Project will be a distribution system.

The key areas reviewed by the OEB in any licence application are the financial viability, technical capability and conduct of the applicant. The OEB finds that WPLP has provided sufficient evidence of financial viability and technical capability to demonstrate that it is qualified to do business in Ontario's distribution sector. Specifically, WPLP provided 2015 and 2016 financial statements for FortisOntario, Inc. and 2015 and 2016 annual reports for Fortis Inc., an affiliate of FortisOntario, Inc., as no financial results are available for WPLP at this time. The evidence demonstrates that both Fortis Inc. and FortisOntario Inc. are in a very strong financial position. The OEB finds that WPLP has, through its affiliated entities, sufficient financial backing to undertake the Pikangikum Project.

The OEB also finds that WPLP has, through its affiliated entities, adequate technical capability to reliably operate a distribution system and that senior management have significant electricity grid experience.

The OEB is satisfied that the Pikangikum Project will fill a pressing exigent need for the Pikangikum First Nation, and will contribute to achieving the connection to the provincial grid of remote northwestern First Nation communities in keeping with the priority that the province has given to that objective. The OEB notes WPLP's commitment to seek leave to construct in respect of activities that will be necessary in order for the Pikangikum Project to be operable as a transmission system.

In its application, WPLP acknowledged its awareness and intention to comply with its licence conditions, market rules and all applicable OEB codes. However, the applicant sought some clarification with respect to its characterization under the Distribution System Code (DSC) and Retail Settlement Code (RSC). Specifically, based on its unique situation of being a host distributor to HORCI, while being an embedded distributor to Hydro One, hence not being a wholesale market participant, WPLP will not be in a position to fulfill all of the responsibilities of the host distributor contemplated under the DSC and RSC. Therefore the applicant expects that HORCI would settle most of its charges directly with Hydro One and would only settle with the applicant based on distribution rates approved by the OEB. As the line has not been built and the transfer of the Pikangikum First Nation's generating and distribution facilities has not been

completed, it is premature to comment on the matter of clarification. The OEB finds that the clarification requested is more appropriately dealt with at the time of WPLP's application for distribution rates.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto September 28, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Brian Hewson
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1 Definitions

In this Licence:

“**Accounting Procedures Handbook**” means the handbook, approved by the Board which specifies the accounting records, accounting principles and accounting separation standards to be followed by the Licensee;

“**Act**” means the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

“**Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters**” means the code, approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the standards and conditions for the interaction between electricity distributors or transmitters and their respective affiliated companies;

“**distribution services**” means services related to the distribution of electricity and the services the Board has required distributors to carry out, including the sales of electricity to consumers under section 29 of the Act, for which a charge or rate has been established in the Rate Order;

“**distribution system**” means a system for distributing electricity, and includes any structures, equipment or other things used for that purpose;

“**Distribution System Code**” means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the obligations of the distributor with respect to the services and terms of service to be offered to customers and retailers and provides minimum, technical operating standards of distribution systems;

“**Electricity Act**” means the *Electricity Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule A;

“**IESO**” means the Independent Electricity System Operator;

“**Licensee**” means 2472883 Ontario Limited on behalf of Wataynikaneyap Power LP;

“**Market Rules**” means the rules made under section 32 of the Electricity Act;

“**Performance Standards**” means the performance targets for the distribution and connection activities of the Licensee as established by the Board in accordance with section 83 of the Act;

“**Rate Order**” means an Order or Orders of the Board establishing rates the Licensee is permitted to charge;

“**regulation**” means a regulation made under the Act or the Electricity Act;

“**Retail Settlement Code**” means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes a distributor’s obligations and responsibilities associated with financial settlement among retailers and consumers and provides for tracking and facilitating consumer transfers among competitive retailers;

“**service area**” means the distribution system through which the Licensee is authorized by its licence to distribute electricity;

“**Standard Supply Service Code**” means the code approved by the Board which, among other things, establishes the minimum conditions that a distributor must meet in carrying out its obligations to sell electricity under section 29 of the Electricity Act;

“**wholesaler**” means a person that purchases electricity or ancillary services in the IESO administered markets or directly from a generator or, a person who sells electricity or ancillary services through the IESO-administered markets or directly to another person other than a consumer.

2 Interpretation

- 2.1 In this Licence, words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Act or the Electricity Act. Words or phrases importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of the Licence. Any reference to a document or a provision of a document includes an amendment or supplement to, or a replacement of, that document or that provision of that document. In the computation of time under this Licence, where there is a reference to a number of days between two events, they shall be counted by excluding the day on which the first event happens and including the day on which the second event happens and where the time for doing an act expires on a holiday, the act may be done on the next day that is not a holiday.

3 Authorization

- 3.1 The Licensee is authorized, under Part V of the Act and subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Licence:
- a) to own and operate a distribution system in the service area described in Schedule 1 of this Licence;
 - b) to retail electricity for the purposes of fulfilling its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act in the manner specified in Schedule 2 of this Licence; and
 - c) to act as a wholesaler for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations under the Retail Settlement Code or under section 29 of the Electricity Act.

4 Obligation to Comply with Legislation, Regulations and Market Rules

- 4.1 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and the Electricity Act and regulations under these Acts, except where the Licensee has been exempted from such compliance by regulation.
- 4.2 The Licensee shall comply with all applicable Market Rules.

5 Obligation to Comply with Codes

- 5.1 The Licensee shall at all times comply with the following Codes (collectively the “Codes”) approved by the Board, except where the Licensee has been specifically exempted from such

compliance by the Board. Any exemptions granted to the licensee are set out in Schedule 3 of this Licence. The following Codes apply to this Licence:

- a) the Affiliate Relationships Code for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters;
- b) the Distribution System Code;
- c) the Retail Settlement Code; and
- d) the Standard Supply Service Code.

5.2 The Licensee shall:

- a) make a copy of the Codes available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
- b) provide a copy of the Codes to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

6 Obligation to Provide Non-discriminatory Access

6.1 The Licensee shall, upon the request of a consumer, generator or retailer, provide such consumer, generator or retailer with access to the Licensee's distribution system and shall convey electricity on behalf of such consumer, generator or retailer in accordance with the terms of this Licence.

7 Obligation to Connect

7.1 The Licensee shall connect a building to its distribution system if:

- a) the building lies along any of the lines of the distributor's distribution system; and
- b) the owner, occupant or other person in charge of the building requests the connection in writing.

7.2 The terms of such connection or offer to connect shall be fair and reasonable and made in accordance with the Distribution System Code, and the Licensee's Rate Order as approved by the Board.

7.3 The Licensee shall not refuse to connect or refuse to make an offer to connect unless it is permitted to do so by the Act or a regulation or any Codes to which the Licensee is obligated to comply with as a condition of this Licence.

8 Obligation to Sell Electricity

8.1 The Licensee shall fulfill its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act to sell electricity in accordance with the requirements established in the Standard Supply Service Code, the Retail Settlement Code and the Licensee's Rate Order as approved by the Board.

9 Obligation to Maintain System Integrity

- 9.1 The Licensee shall maintain its distribution system in accordance with the standards established in the Distribution System Code and Market Rules, and have regard to any other recognized industry operating or planning standards adopted by the Board.

10 Market Power Mitigation Rebates

- 10.1 The Licensee shall comply with the pass through of Ontario Power Generation rebate conditions set out in Appendix A of this Licence.

11 Distribution Rates

- 11.1 The Licensee shall not charge for connection to the distribution system, the distribution of electricity or the retailing of electricity to meet its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act except in accordance with a Rate Order of the Board.

12 Separation of Business Activities

- 12.1 The Licensee shall keep financial records associated with distributing electricity separate from its financial records associated with transmitting electricity or other activities in accordance with the Accounting Procedures Handbook and as otherwise required by the Board.

13 Expansion of Distribution System

- 13.1 The Licensee shall not construct, expand or reinforce an electricity distribution system or make an interconnection except in accordance with the Act and Regulations, the Distribution System Code and applicable provisions of the Market Rules.
- 13.2 In order to ensure and maintain system integrity or reliable and adequate capacity and supply of electricity, the Board may order the Licensee to expand or reinforce its distribution system in accordance with Market Rules and the Distribution System Code, or in such a manner as the Board may determine.

14 Provision of Information to the Board

- 14.1 The Licensee shall maintain records of and provide, in the manner and form determined by the Board, such information as the Board may require from time to time.
- 14.2 Without limiting the generality of paragraph 14.1, the Licensee shall notify the Board of any material change in circumstances that adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the business, operations or assets of the Licensee as soon as practicable, but in any event no more than twenty (20) days past the date upon which such change occurs.

15 Restrictions on Provision of Information

- 15.1 The Licensee shall not use information regarding a consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator obtained for one purpose for any other purpose without the written consent of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator.

- 15.2 The Licensee shall not disclose information regarding a consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator to any other party without the written consent of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator, except where such information is required to be disclosed:
- a) to comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements, including the conditions of this Licence;
 - b) for billing, settlement or market operations purposes;
 - c) for law enforcement purposes; or
 - d) to a debt collection agency for the processing of past due accounts of the consumer, retailer, wholesaler or generator.
- 15.3 The Licensee may disclose information regarding consumers, retailers, wholesalers or generators where the information has been sufficiently aggregated such that their particular information cannot reasonably be identified.
- 15.4 The Licensee shall inform consumers, retailers, wholesalers and generators of the conditions under which their information may be released to a third party without their consent.
- 15.5 If the Licensee discloses information under this section, the Licensee shall ensure that the information provided will not be used for any other purpose except the purpose for which it was disclosed.

16 Customer Complaint and Dispute Resolution

- 16.1 The Licensee shall:
- a) have a process for resolving disputes with customers that deals with disputes in a fair, reasonable and timely manner;
 - b) publish information which will make its customers aware of and help them to use its dispute resolution process;
 - c) make a copy of the dispute resolution process available for inspection by members of the public at each of the Licensee's premises during normal business hours;
 - d) give or send free of charge a copy of the process to any person who reasonably requests it; and
 - e) subscribe to and refer unresolved complaints to an independent third party complaints resolution service provider selected by the Board. This condition will become effective on a date to be determined by the Board. The Board will provide reasonable notice to the Licensee of the date this condition becomes effective.

17 Term of Licence

- 17.1 This Licence shall take effect on September 28, 2017 and expire on September 27, 2022. The term of this Licence may be extended by the Board.

18 Fees and Assessments

18.1 The Licensee shall pay all fees charged and amounts assessed by the Board.

19 Communication

19.1 The Licensee shall designate a person that will act as a primary contact with the Board on matters related to this Licence. The Licensee shall notify the Board promptly should the contact details change.

19.2 All official communication relating to this Licence shall be in writing.

19.3 All written communication is to be regarded as having been given by the sender and received by the addressee:

- a) when delivered in person to the addressee by hand, by registered mail or by courier;
- b) ten (10) business days after the date of posting if the communication is sent by regular mail; and
- c) when received by facsimile transmission by the addressee, according to the sender's transmission report.

20 Copies of the Licence

20.1 The Licensee shall:

- a) make a copy of this Licence available for inspection by members of the public at its head office and regional offices during normal business hours; and
- b) provide a copy of this Licence to any person who requests it. The Licensee may impose a fair and reasonable charge for the cost of providing copies.

21 Pole Attachments

21.1 The Licensee shall provide access to its distribution poles to all Canadian carriers, as defined by the Telecommunications Act, and to all cable companies that operate in the Province of Ontario. For each attachment, with the exception of wireless attachments, the Licensee shall charge the rate approved by the Board and included in the Licensee's tariff.

21.2 The Licensee shall:

- a) annually report the net revenue, and the calculations used to determine that net revenue, earned from allowing wireless attachments to its poles. Net revenues will be accumulated in a deferral account approved by the Board;
- b) credit that net revenue against its revenue requirement subject to Board approval in rate proceedings; and
- c) provide access for wireless attachments to its poles on commercial terms normally found in a competitive market.

SCHEDULE 1 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE AREA

This Schedule specifies the service area where the Licensee is authorized to distribute and sell electricity in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 8.1 of this Licence.

A distribution system, of approximately 117 km in length, running from a point in the Municipality of Red Lake to the Pikangikum First Nation Reserve. The distribution line will connect at its southern end to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s distribution system at a point north of Red Lake, the line will run north to a transformer station at Berens River, and then northwest until it reaches Pikangikum First Nation Reserve.

SCHEDULE 2 PROVISION OF STANDARD SUPPLY SERVICE

This Schedule specifies the manner in which the Licensee is authorized to retail electricity for the purposes of fulfilling its obligation under section 29 of the Electricity Act.

1. The Licensee is authorized to retail electricity directly to consumers within its service area in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of this Licence, any applicable exemptions to this Licence, and at the rates set out in the Rate Orders.

SCHEDULE 3 LIST OF CODE EXEMPTIONS

This Schedule specifies any specific Code requirements from which the Licensee has been exempted.

APPENDIX A MARKET POWER MITIGATION REBATES

1. Definitions and Interpretations

In this Licence

“embedded distributor” means a distributor who is not a market participant and to whom a host distributor distributes electricity;

“embedded generator” means a generator who is not a market participant and whose generation facility is connected to a distribution system of a distributor, but does not include a generator who consumes more electricity than it generates;

“host distributor” means a distributor who is a market participant and who distributes electricity to another distributor who is not a market participant.

In this Licence, a reference to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO includes interim payments made by the IESO.

2. Information Given to IESO

- a Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor, the distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with information in respect of the volumes of electricity withdrawn by the distributor from the IESO-controlled grid during the rebate period and distributed by the distributor in the distributor’s service area to:
 - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
 - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- b Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the embedded distributor shall provide the host distributor, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified in the Retail Settlement Code, with the volumes of electricity distributed during the rebate period by the embedded distributor’s host distributor to the embedded distributor net of any electricity distributed to the embedded distributor which is attributable to embedded generation and distributed by the embedded distributor in the embedded distributor’s service area to:
 - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
 - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

- c Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the host distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with the information provided to the host distributor by the embedded distributor in accordance with section 2.

The IESO may issue instructions or directions providing for any information to be given under this section. The IESO shall rely on the information provided to it by distributors and there shall be no opportunity to correct any such information or provide any additional information and all amounts paid shall be final and binding and not subject to any adjustment.

For the purposes of attributing electricity distributed to an embedded distributor to embedded generation, the volume of electricity distributed by a host distributor to an embedded distributor shall be deemed to consist of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid or supplied to the host distributor by an embedded generator in the same proportion as the total volume of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid by the distributor in the rebate period bears to the total volume of electricity supplied to the distributor by embedded generators during the rebate period.

3. Pass Through of Rebate

A distributor shall promptly pass through, with the next regular bill or settlement statement after the rebate amount is received, any rebate received from the IESO, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt, to:

- a retailers who serve one or more consumers in the distributor's service area where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented;
- b consumers who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and who are not served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
- c embedded distributors to whom the distributor distributes electricity.

The amounts paid out to the recipients listed above shall be based on energy consumed and calculated in accordance with the rules set out in the Retail Settlement Code. These payments may be made by way of set off at the option of the distributor.

If requested in writing by OPGI, the distributor shall ensure that all rebates are identified as coming from OPGI in the following form on or with each applicable bill or settlement statement:

"ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. rebate"

Any rebate amount which cannot be distributed as provided above or which is returned by a retailer to the distributor in accordance with its licence shall be promptly returned to the host distributor or IESO as applicable, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt.

Nothing shall preclude an agreement whereby a consumer assigns the benefit of a rebate payment to a retailer or another party.

Pending pass-through or return to the IESO of any rebate received, the distributor shall hold the funds received in trust for the beneficiaries thereof in a segregated account.

ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. REBATES

For the payments that relate to the period from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2009, the rules set out below shall apply.

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“host distributor” means a distributor who is a market participant and who distributes electricity to another distributor who is not a market participant.

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 - i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented and the consumer is not receiving the prices established under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*; and
 - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- b Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the embedded distributor shall provide the host distributor, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified in the Retail Settlement Code, with the volumes of electricity distributed during the rebate period by the embedded distributor’s host distributor to the embedded distributor net of any electricity

distributed to the embedded distributor which is attributable to embedded generation and distributed by the embedded distributor in the embedded distributor's service area to:

- i consumers served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
 - ii consumers other than consumers referred to in clause (i) who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.
- c Prior to the payment of a rebate amount by the IESO to a distributor which relates to electricity consumed in the service area of an embedded distributor, the host distributor shall provide the IESO, in the form specified by the IESO and before the expiry of the period specified by the IESO, with the information provided to the host distributor by the embedded distributor in accordance with section 2.

The IESO may issue instructions or directions providing for any information to be given under this section. The IESO shall rely on the information provided to it by distributors and there shall be no opportunity to correct any such information or provide any additional information and all amounts paid shall be final and binding and not subject to any adjustment.

For the purposes of attributing electricity distributed to an embedded distributor to embedded generation, the volume of electricity distributed by a host distributor to an embedded distributor shall be deemed to consist of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid or supplied to the host distributor by an embedded generator in the same proportion as the total volume of electricity withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid by the distributor in the rebate period bears to the total volume of electricity supplied to the distributor by embedded generators during the rebate period.

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A distributor shall promptly pass through, with the next regular bill or settlement statement after the rebate amount is received, any rebate received from the IESO, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt, to:

- a retailers who serve one or more consumers in the distributor's service area where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented and the consumer is not receiving the prices established under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*;
- b consumers who are not receiving the fixed price under sections 79.4, 79.5 and 79.16 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and who are not served by a retailer where a service transaction request as defined in the Retail Settlement Code has been implemented; and
- c embedded distributors to whom the distributor distributes electricity.

The amounts paid out to the recipients listed above shall be based on energy consumed and calculated in accordance with the rules set out in the Retail Settlement Code. These payments may be made by way of set off at the option of the distributor.

If requested in writing by OPGI, the distributor shall ensure that all rebates are identified as coming from OPGI in the following form on or with each applicable bill or settlement statement:

“ONTARIO POWER GENERATION INC. rebate”

Any rebate amount which cannot be distributed as provided above or which is returned by a retailer to the distributor in accordance with its licence shall be promptly returned to the host distributor or IESO as applicable, together with interest at the Prime Rate, calculated and accrued daily, on such amount from the date of receipt.

Nothing shall preclude an agreement whereby a consumer assigns the benefit of a rebate payment to a retailer or another party.

Pending pass-through or return to the IESO of any rebate received, the distributor shall hold the funds received in trust for the beneficiaries thereof in a segregated account.