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# **DECISION AND ORDER**

## **EB-2020-0259**

### **KITCHENER-WILMOT HYDRO INC.**

**Application for Electricity Distribution Licence Amendment**

**BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: Brian Hewson**

Vice President,

Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

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**December 17, 2020**

## DECISION AND ORDER

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. (KWHI) applied on October 30, 2020, under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) for an amendment to its Electricity Distribution Licence, ED-2002-0573. Specifically, KWHI is seeking the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) approval of exemptions from section 4.2.4A of the Distribution System Code (DSC) and section 2.6.2 of the Standard Supply Service Code (SSSC)<sup>1</sup> to June 30, 2021.

On February 11, 2020, in proceeding EB-2019-0217, the OEB issued a Decision and Order amending KWHI's licence, to exempt it from having to comply with the identified sections of the DSC and SSSC until December 31, 2020. The OEB authorized the exemptions based on the understanding that KWHI was in the process of implementing a new Oracle Customer Care and Billing (CC&B) system, which would meet all the requirements of the amended customer service rules under the DSC and SSSC, with an estimated in-service date on December 31, 2020. The OEB found that it would not be prudent for KWHI to incur significant costs to customize its existing COBOL-based in-house Customer Information System (CIS), which was in the process of being replaced.

KWHI has advised that it is now not able to meet the December 31, 2020 deadline. KWHI states that, due to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the unplanned changes to legacy CIS in order to process billing for customers opting out of Time of Use (TOU) price effective November 1, 2020<sup>2</sup>, it has been forced to delay the implementation of the new CC&B system. Although KWHI is expecting its new CC&B system to go live in April 2021, it is requesting the OEB extend the period of the exemption to June 30, 2021, stating that, with the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, there is potential for further delays. KWHI also states that it will be fully compliant with requirements set out in section 4.2.4A of the DSC and section 2.6.2 of the SSSC as soon as the new CC&B system is implemented and will not require an exemption after "go-live". Furthermore, KWHI states that it will continue to take appropriate steps to address customer concerns in relation to non-payment of accounts and disconnection notices as part of its regular customer services.

This Decision and Order is being issued by the Delegated Authority, without holding a hearing pursuant to section 6(4) of the OEB Act.

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<sup>1</sup> Both of these sections are amendments to the respective codes, which came into force on March 1, 2020, as per the Ontario Energy Board's March 14, 2019 notice of amendments to the DSC, the SSSC, and the Unit Sub-Metering Code and Gas Distribution Access Rule (GDAR) – EB-2017-0183.

<sup>2</sup> On August 21, 2020, O Reg 95/05, under the OEB Act, was amended to require the OEB, as of November 1, 2020, "to require distributors to permit consumers ... that would otherwise be charged time-of-use prices for electricity ... to elect instead to be charged tiered prices for electricity".

KWHI has provided evidence regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its operations, and the changes required of its legacy CIS to accommodate mandated consumer choice between TOU and tiered prices. The OEB has considered this evidence with respect to KWHI's updated plans to implement the new CC&B system and finds that the delay in implementing the CC&B system is justified. Therefore, in accordance with its earlier finding that it would not be prudent to require KWHI to incur the costs of adjusting its current CIS to meet the requirements of section 4.2.4A of the DSC and section 2.6.2 of the SSSC, the OEB will extend the period of the licence exemption. However, the exemption period shall end on April 30, 2021 (as this is the month that KWHI has submitted that it expects to implement its new CC&B system). In setting this date the OEB is ensuring that KWHI's customers have the benefit of the notice required under section 4.2.4A of the DSC when the winter ban on disconnection of residential customers for non-payment under section 4.8 of the DSC ends on April 30, 2021.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0573, specifically Schedule 3 "List of Code Exemptions", is amended to include an exemption from section 4.2.4A of the Distribution System Code. This exemption expires on April 30, 2021.
2. Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.'s Electricity Distribution Licence ED-2002-0573, specifically Schedule 3 "List of Code Exemptions", is amended to include an exemption from section 2.6.2 of the Standard Supply Service Code. This exemption expires on April 30, 2021.

**DATED** at Toronto, December 17, 2020

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Brian Hewson  
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance



# Electricity Distribution Licence

**ED-2002-0573**

**Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.**

**Valid Until**

**December 17, 2023**

*Original Signed By*

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**Vice President, Consumer Protection and Industry Performance  
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**Date of Issuance: December 18, 2003**

**Date of Amendment: December 17, 2020**

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## **LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

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EB-2010-0216	November 12, 2010
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EB-2012-0305	September 27, 2012
EB-2014-0324	December 18, 2014
EB-2016-0015	January 28, 2016
EB-2017-0101	March 31, 2017
EB-2017-0233	June 29, 2017
EB-2017-0318	February 8, 2018
EB-2018-0112	March 29, 2018
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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 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 Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.

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

**“OPA”** means the Ontario Power Authority;

**“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”** with respect to a distributor, means the area in which the distributor 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 Licensee shall make an offer to connect a building to its distribution system if:

- a) the building is within the Licensee's service area as described in Schedule 1; and
- b) the owner, occupant or other person in charge of the building requests the connection in writing.

- 7.3 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.

- 7.4 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 December 18, 2003 and expire on December 17, 2023. 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 Conservation and Demand Management**

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## **22 Pole Attachments**

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.

## **23 Administration of COVID-19 Energy Support Program**

23.1 For the purposes of paragraphs 23.1 to 23.8:

“Application Form” means the form of application for CEAP approved by the Board, including the use of that form by telephone

“CEAP” means the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program as described in the Board’s Decision and Order dated June 16, 2020

“CEAP-eligible account” means an account in the Licensee’s residential class that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) the account was in good standing (i.e. all amounts on account of electricity charges that were payable were fully paid) on March 17, 2020, and the account was not enrolled in an arrears payment for amounts owing prior to March 17, 2020
- (b) complete payment on account of electricity charges has not been made on at least two electricity bills issued since March 17, 2020, and the account has an Overdue Balance on the date of receipt of the Application Form for the account including where the account is enrolled in an arrears payment agreement for amounts incurred following March 17, 2020,
- (c) the account has not received funding under the Low-income Energy Assistance Program or the Ontario Electricity Support Program in 2020; and
- (d) the account holder has provided a complete Application Form and has declared, through the Application Form, that they or their spouse or common-law partner that resides in the same residence:
  - are unemployed on the date that they provide their completed Application Form to the Licensee
  - have received Employment Insurance or the Canada Emergency Response Benefit since March 17, 2020

“Overdue Balance” means the amount by which the account holder’s balance is past due in respect of Electricity Charges at the time the Application Form is received by the Licensee. Amounts that may be on the bill but are not yet past due are not part of the Overdue Balance.

“electricity charges” means:

- (a) charges that appear under the sub-headings “Electricity”, “Delivery”, and “Regulatory Charges” as described in Ontario Regulation 275/04 (Information on Invoices to Certain Classes of Consumers of Electricity) made under the Act, and all applicable taxes on those charges;
- (b) where applicable, charges prescribed by regulations under section 25.33 of the Electricity Act and all applicable taxes on those charges
- (c) Board-approved specific service charges, including late payment charges, and such other charges and applicable taxes associated with the consumption of electricity as may be required by law to be included on the bill issued to the customer or as may be designated by the Board for the purposes of this definition, but not including security deposits, amounts owed by a customer pursuant to a billing adjustment, or amounts under an arrears payment agreement entered into prior to March 17, 2020; and
- (d) any financial assistance provided for under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*

23.2 The Licensee shall start to accept Application Forms as of July 13, 2020.

23.3 The Licensee shall:

- (a) Make copies of the Application Form available on its web site and to any customer on request.
- (b) Process all complete Application Forms in the order in which they are received.
- (c) Accept Application Forms by e-mail or mail, and may also allow the Application Form to be completed online or by telephone, provided that where Application Forms are completed by telephone the call must be recorded and must document confirmation of all information requested on the Application Form, including consent and the applicant's declaration of eligibility.
- (d) Process each complete Application Form within 10 business days of receipt.

23.4 The Licensee shall provide a credit to a CEAP-eligible account in an amount equal to half of the Overdue Balance for the account:

- (a) to a maximum of \$230, where the Application Form declares that the account is for a residence that mainly uses electric heating or in which an eligible medical device is used
- (b) to a maximum of or \$115, in all other cases.

23.5 The credit must be applied on the next bill issued to the CEAP-eligible account after the processing of the Application Form for the account as set out in paragraph 12.3(d), where feasible, and in any event no later than on the following bill.

23.6 Despite paragraph 23.4:

- (a) The Licensee is not required to provide a credit to a CEAP-eligible account if the total amount of CEAP funding available to the Licensee as specified by the Board has been expended; and
- (b) The Licensee shall not provide a credit to a CEAP-eligible account more than once.

23.7 Reimbursement for credits provided by the Licensee to CEAP-eligible accounts, up to the total referred to in paragraph 23.5(a), are recoverable from the Independent Electricity System Operator. The Licensee shall provide information in such form and manner, and within such time, as the IESO may reasonably require, in respect of requests for reimbursement. The Licensee shall not seek reimbursement from the Independent Electricity System Operator for any amount above the total referred to in paragraph 23.5(a) or on account of any costs relating to the administration of CEAP.

23.8 The Licensee shall keep the following records for two years, and make them available to the Board upon request:

- (a) Copies of all Application Forms received, including recordings of calls where the Application Form is provided by telephone, and copies of any communications with customers about CEAP.
- (b) A record of all Application Forms that were accepted as complete and a credit was provided to CEAP-eligible accounts, and a record of all Application Forms that were denied
- (c) A record of the credit provided to each CEAP-eligible account, as well as the total amount of credits provided to all CEAP-eligible accounts.

23.9 The Licensee shall report to the Board, as soon as practicable, the date on which the total amount of CEAP funding referred to in paragraph 23.5(a) has been expended.

23.10 Paragraphs 23.1 to 23.8 govern over any provisions of the Distribution System Code or the Standard Supply Service Code in the event of any inconsistency.

## **24 Administration of COVID-19 Energy Support Program – Small Business**

24.1 For the purposes of paragraphs 24.1 to 24.8:

“Application Form” means the form of application for CEAP-SB approved by the Board, including the use of that form by telephone

“CEAP-SB” means the COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program – Small Business as described in the Board’s Decision and Order dated August 7, 2020

“CEAP-SB eligible account” means an account for premises in the Licensee’s GS<50 class (for electricity distributors) / relevant commercial class and whose annual usage is less than 150,000 kWh (for USMPs) that meets all of the following criteria:



- a) the account holder has a registered business number or charitable registration number for the business or registered charity operating out of the premises,
- b) the account was in good standing (i.e. all amounts on account of electricity charges that were payable were fully paid) on March 17, 2020, and the account was not enrolled in an arrears payment agreement for amounts owing prior to March 17, 2020,
- c) complete payment on account of electricity charges has not been made on at least two electricity bills issued since March 17, 2020, and the account has an Overdue Balance on the date of receipt of the Application Form for the account including where the account is enrolled in an arrears payment agreement for amounts incurred following March 17, 2020,
- d) the account holder has confirmed in the Application Form that it is not applying for a CEAP-SB credit for another location or electricity account anywhere in the Province of Ontario for the same small business or registered charity,
- e) the account holder has provided a complete Application Form and has declared, through the Application Form, that their small business or registered charity's premises was required to close to the public for regular operations for at least 15 days as a result of a government order or inability to comply with public health recommendations.

Note that the Licensee is only required to verify the information in items (b), (c), and (e) above.

"electricity charges" means:

- a) charges that appear under the sub-headings "Electricity", "Delivery", and "Regulatory Charges" as described in Ontario Regulation 275/04 (Information on Invoices to Certain Classes of Consumers of Electricity) made under the Act, and all applicable taxes on those charges;
- b) where applicable, charges prescribed by regulations under section 25.33 of the Electricity Act and all applicable taxes on those charges
- c) Board-approved specific service charges, including late payment charges, and such other charges and applicable taxes associated with the consumption of electricity as may be required by law to be included on the bill issued to the customer or as may be designated by the Board for the purposes of this definition, but not including security deposits, amounts owed by a customer pursuant to a billing adjustment, or amounts under a payment agreement entered into prior to March 17, 2020; and
- d) any financial assistance provided for under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*; and

"Overdue Balance" means the amount by which the account holder's balance is past due in respect of Electricity Charges at the time the Application Form is received by the Licensee. Amounts that may be on the bill but are not yet past due are not part of the Overdue Balance.

24.2 The Licensee shall start to accept Application Forms as of August 31, 2020.

24.3 The Licensee shall:

- a) Make copies of the Application Form available on its web site and to any customer on request.
- b) Process all complete Application Forms in the order in which they are received.
- c) Accept Application Forms by e-mail or mail, and may also allow the Application Form to be completed online or by telephone, provided that where Application Forms are completed by telephone the call must be recorded and must document confirmation of all information requested on the Application Form, including consent and the applicant's declaration of eligibility.
- d) Process each complete Application Form within 10 business days of receipt.

24.4 The Licensee shall provide a credit to a CEAP-SB eligible account up to the amount of the Overdue Balance for the account:

- a) to a maximum of \$850, where the Application Form declares that the account is for small business or registered charity premises that primarily uses electricity for heating; or
- b) to a maximum of or \$425, in all other cases.

The credit must be applied on the next bill issued to the CEAP-SB eligible account after the processing of the Application Form for the account as set out in paragraph 24.3(d), where feasible, and in any event no later than on the following bill.

24.5 Despite paragraph 24.4:

- a) The Licensee is not required to provide a credit to a CEAP-SB eligible account if the total amount of CEAP-SB funding available to the Licensee as specified by the Board has been expended; and
- b) The Licensee shall not provide a credit to a CEAP-SB eligible account more than once.

24.6 Reimbursement for credits provided by the Licensee to CEAP-SB eligible accounts, up to the total referred to in paragraph 24.5(a), are recoverable from the Independent Electricity System Operator. The Licensee shall provide information in such form and manner, and within such time, as the IESO may reasonably require, in respect of requests for reimbursement. The Licensee shall not seek reimbursement from the Independent Electricity System Operator for any amount above the total referred to in paragraph 24.5(a) or on account of any costs relating to the administration of CEAP-SB.

24.7 The Licensee shall keep the following records for two years, and make them available to the Board upon request:

- a) Copies of all Application Forms received, including recordings of calls where the Application Form is provided by telephone, and copies of any communications with customers about CEAP-SB.

- b) A record of all Application Forms that were accepted as complete and a credit was provided to CEAP-SB eligible accounts, and a record of all Application Forms that were denied.
  - c) A record of the credit provided to each CEAP-SB eligible account, as well as the total amount of credits provided to all CEAP-SB eligible accounts.
- 24.8 The Licensee shall report to the Board, as soon as practicable, the date on which the total amount of CEAP-SB funding referred to in paragraph 24.5(a) has been expended.
- 24.9 Paragraphs 24.1 to 24.8 govern over any provisions of the Distribution System Code or the Standard Supply Service Code in the event of any inconsistency.

**SCHEDULE 1                      DEFINITION OF DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AREA**

This Schedule specifies the area in which the Licensee is authorized to distribute and sell electricity in accordance with paragraph 8.1 of this Licence.

1.        The City of Kitchener and the Township of Wilmot as of January 1, 1991.
2.        The customers in the Township of Blandford-Blenheim located at:
  - 965880, 966070, 966104, 966178, 966182, 966248, 966426, 966484, 966558, 966568, 966584, 966608, 966616, 966654, 966750, 966780, 966800, 966858, 966956, 966980 (three customers), 967022, 967092, 967192, 967244, 967268, 967324, 967372, 967376 (two customers), 967418, 967470, 967520, 967530, 967590, 967610, 967638 (two customers), 967672, and 967720 Oxford-Waterloo Road
  - 3033 and 3063 Trussler Road
  - 776928 and 776949 Blandford Road
  - 816911 Oxford Road 22
  - 856910 River Road
  - 896941 Washington Road
3.        The customers in the Township of North Easthope located at:
  - 1466 and 1478 (two customers) Line 34
  - 4104, 4184 (two customers) and 4426 Wilmot-Easthope Road
  - 4010, 4086, 4526 (two customers), 4576, 4582, 4596 Perth Road 99
  - 4264 Perth Road 101
  - 4714 (two customers), 4888, 4906, 4920, 4930, 4994, 5076 (two customers) Perth Road 103
  - 1481 Perth Line 43
4.        The customers in the Township of South Easthope located at:
  - 1481, 1483 and 1559 Line 34
  - 3976 Perth Road 100
  - 3880 and 3976 Perth Road 101
  - 3940 Perth Road
5.        The customers in the Township of Zorra East located at:
  - 756795, 756819, 756871, 756907, 756893, 756995, 757119, 757161 and 757165 (two customers) Oxford Road 5

**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.

1. Licensee is exempt from the requirements of section 2.5.3 of the Standard Supply Service Code with respect to the price for small volume/residential consumers, subject to the Licensee offering an equal billing plan as described in its application for exemption from Fixed Reference Price, and meeting all other undertakings and material representations contained in the application and the materials filed in connection with it.
2. The Licensee is exempt from the requirement to implement time-of-use pricing as of the mandatory date for RPP General Service under 50 kW customers with eligible time-of-use meters with improper time-alignment of the consumption intervals as required under the Standard Supply Service Code for Electricity Distributors. The mandatory time-of-use pricing date exemption expires on January 31, 2012.
3. Licensee is exempt from the requirements of section 4.2.4A of the Distribution System Code. This exemption takes effect on March 1, 2020 and expires on April 30, 2021.
4. Licensee is exempt from the requirements of section 2.6.2 of the Standard Supply Service Code. This exemption takes effect on March 1, 2020 and expires on April 30, 2021.

## 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.

### **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 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.

### **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 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.

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