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ONTARIO REGULATION

made under the

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ACT, 1998

Amending O. Reg. 314/15

(ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM)

1. Section 1 of Ontario Regulation 314/15 is amended by adding the following definitions:

“account-holder” means a consumer who has an account with a distributor that falls within a residential-rate classification as specified in a rate order made by the Board under section 78 of the Act, and who lives at the service address to which the account relates for at least six months in a year;

“electricity-intensive medical device” means an oxygen concentrator, a mechanical ventilator or a kidney dialysis machine;

“household” means the account-holder and any other people living at the accountholder’s service address for at least six months in a year, including people other than the account-holder’s spouse, children or other relatives;

“household income” means the combined annual after-tax income of all members of a household aged 16 or over;

“Indigenous person” includes a person who is a First Nations person, a Métis person or an Inuit person.

2. Section 5 of the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

Amount of OESP rate assistance

5. (1) Effective May 1, 2017, the Board shall fix the amount of monthly rate assistance to the classes of consumers that are identified as rate-assisted consumers in Schedule 1, based on the amount of monthly assistance for each class set out in subsection (2).

(2) The monthly amount of rate assistance to be fixed by the Board for each class of rate-assisted consumer is,

- (a) \$35 for consumers in Class A;
- (b) \$40 for consumers in Class B;
- (c) \$45 for consumers in Class C;
- (d) \$51 for consumers in Class D;
- (e) \$52 for consumers in Class E;
- (f) \$57 for consumers in Class F;
- (g) \$60 for consumers in Class G;
- (h) \$63 for consumers in Class H;
- (i) \$68 for consumers in Class I;
- (j) \$75 for consumers in Class J;
- (k) \$83 for consumers in Class K;
- (l) \$90 for consumers in Class L; and
- (m) \$113 for consumers in Class M.

3. The Regulation is amended by adding the following Schedule:

SCHEDULE 1
CLASSES OF RATE ASSISTED CONSUMERS

The following are classes of rate-assisted consumers for the purposes of subsection 79.2 (5) of the Act and section 5 of this Regulation:

- 1. Class A is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class E:

- i. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of three persons.
 - ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no more than \$52,000 living in a household of five persons.
- 2. Class B is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class G:
 - i. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of two persons.
 - ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of four persons.
 - iii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no more than \$52,000 living in a household of six persons.
- 3. Class C is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class I:
 - i. Account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of one or two persons.
 - ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of three persons.
 - iii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of five persons.
 - iv. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no more than \$52,000 living in a household of seven or more persons.
- 4. Class D is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class J:
 - i. Account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of three persons.
 - ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of four persons.

- iii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of six persons.
5. Class E is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class A who also meet any of the following requirements:
- i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
6. Class F is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class K:
- i. Account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of four persons.
 - ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of five persons.
 - iii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of seven or more persons.
7. Class G is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class B who also meet any of the following requirements:
- i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
8. Class H is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class L:
- i. Account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of five persons.

- ii. Account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of six persons.
- 9. Class I is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class C who also meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
- 10. Class J is composed of,
 - i. account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of six or more persons, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class M,
 - ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of seven or more persons, other than account-holders who also meet the requirements of Class M, and
 - iii. account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class D who also meet any of the following requirements:
 - A. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - B. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - C. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
- 11. Class K is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class F who also meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.

- ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
- 12. Class L is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class H who also meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.
- 13. Class M is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under subparagraph i or ii of the description of Class J who also meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.
 - ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person.
 - iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.

Commencement

4. This Regulation comes into force on May 1, 2017.