# BRIEFING NOTE – SEPTEMBER 11 2016

**8% Rebate**

Ontario is introducing legislation which would rebate an amount equivalent to the provincial portion of taxes from the electricity bills for residential consumers, small businesses and farms eligible for the Regulated Rate Plan (RPP) starting January 1, 2017. This rebate is intended to offset the provincial share of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

The RPP is a blended electricity rate set by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for the province's five million residential consumers, small businesses and farms.

Eligible to receive the 8% rebate (< 50 kW or < 250,000kWh/year):

- Residential Regulated Price Plan eligible consumers
- Residential retail consumers
- Multi-unit residential buildings and other facilities used as residential rental units such as long-term care homes and school residences
- Residential Regulated Price Plan eligible farms
- Many small businesses, for example, most coffee and snack retailers, convenience stores, apparel stores, hair salons and small offices.

Not eligible for the 8% rebate (>50 kW or >250,000kWh/year):

- Class A consumers
    - Manufacturers
    - Large grocery stores
    - Mines
    - Auto assembly plants
- Class B consumers (except farms that have opted out of the Regulated Price Plan):
    - Low-rise commercial offices
    - Hotels
    - General warehousing

Those ineligible to receive the 8% rebate will benefit from one or more of the other initiatives under this proposal (e.g., ICI expansion, proceeds recycling, etc).