

# Bill Redesign Status

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Hi Mike,

As requested, below are a few bullets on the status of the bill redesign initiative, including exemptions granted to LDCs.

- The regulatory requirement for LDCs to display Fair Hydro Plan savings amounts on bill went into effect on January 1, 2018. LDCs had until March 31, 2018 to comply or seek an exemption from the Minister. Exemptions were granted to Alectra, Brantford Power, and the IESO. Newmarket-Tay Hydro has also requested an exemption. Ministry staff are unaware of any LDCs that have not complied with the Regulation.
- The regulatory amendments to provide LDCs with more flexibility on the display of their bills went into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. LDCs will need time to assess their options, determine a path forward, and make billing system changes. Aside from those LDCs who proactively discussed their bill re-design plans with the Ministry (Hydro Ottawa and Waterloo North Hydro), considerable re-design is not expected in the near-term.
- The April 1<sup>st</sup> amendments included authority for the Minister to grant exemptions to the definitions of Electricity, Delivery, and Regulatory on bills. LDCs have the ability to propose alternative definitions for Minister approval. London Hydro has informed the Ministry it intends to submit such a request.
- Hydro One was provided with an exemption to the regulatory framework effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to accommodate its bill re-design. This exemption was repealed as part of the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 amendments as it is no longer necessary – the amendments to give LDCs more flexibility in the design of their bills allow Hydro One to adopt their new bill design. The Minister expressed a preference to eliminate the exemption and fold Hydro One into the new flexible framework in the bill re-design decision briefing.