

Ministry	Name	Type (Reg, Statute, Fee)	Description	Contentious (low, med, high)	Effective Date	Other Comments
ENERGY	Overcoming Market Barriers to Energy Storage in Ontario Amending O. Reg. 429/04 (Adjustments under Section 25.33 of the Act) made under the <i>Electricity Act, 1998</i> .	Regulation	Regulatory amendments are being made to eliminate double counting of the Global Adjustment charge to small energy storage facilities, thereby removing an unfair barrier to certain types of grid-connected energy storage.	Low	July 1, 2018	The energy storage industry will likely be supportive of the amendment but may argue that the changes do not go far enough. Reg2017.0556
ENERGY	Supporting Rate Mitigation Amending O. Reg. 364/16 under the <i>Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016</i>	Regulation	As part of the province's electricity rate mitigation strategy, Ontario Regulation 364/16 (Invoicing Requirements) was made under the <i>Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016</i>, which put in place the required mechanisms needed to deliver an 8% rebate to electricity consumers. The regulation stipulates that a bill insert must accompany a paper based invoice to electricity consumers. The structure and messaging of the insert is also outlined. On July 1, 2018, electricity retailers will no longer be required to include an insert where an invoice is provided in paper form.	Low	July 1, 2018	The messaging on the insert is outdated. Reg2016.0465
ENERGY	<i>Green Energy Act, 2009</i> Energy and	Regulation	Under the Green Energy Act and amended reg. 448/17 which came into force on January 1, 2018, updated energy efficiency standards will take effect for liquid-filled, three-phase power transformers rated from 501 to 10,000 kVA manufactured on	Low	July 1, 2018	

	Water Efficiency Regulation – Appliances and Products (O. Reg. 404/12)		or after July 1, 2018.			
ENERGY	<i>Electricity Act, 1998</i> O. Reg. 274/18 SITING RESTRICTIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES	Regulation	This new regulation introduces restrictions for siting renewable energy generation facilities in residential areas and on prime agricultural lands. Facilities will continue to be subject to existing environmental approval processes as applicable. Facilities under contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) are exempt from these new restrictions, as those projects are subject to the siting restrictions administered through IESO's programs under which the contracts are granted.	Low to medium – renewable energy is a popular topic in the media, any change could draw attention.	July 1, 2018	

January 1, 2017 – Regulation, Statute and Fee Changes