

Proposed Cabinet Minute

CABINET AGREED THAT:

1. THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (ENERGY), WITH SUPPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF), SHALL PREPARE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN EIGHT PERCENT (8%) REBATE ON THE PRE-TAX COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF CONSUMERS:
 - A. ALL CONSUMERS ELIGIBLE TO BE BILLED UNDER THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD'S REGULATED PRICE PLAN; AND
 - B. ANY OTHER CONSUMERS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE *ONTARIO CLEAN ENERGY BENEFIT ACT, 2010* (OCEBA) DURING THE PERIOD THAT PROGRAM WAS IN PLACE.
2. THE LEGISLATION SHALL BE GENERALLY MODELLED UPON THE OCEBA, AND WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:
 - C. THE REBATE WOULD BE AVAILABLE STARTING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND BEFORE SUCH DATE AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED;
 - D. THE LEGISLATION WOULD SPECIFY THE TYPES OF COSTS TO WHICH THE REBATE WOULD OR WOULD NOT BE APPLIED, WITH AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES BY REGULATION;
 - E. THE LEGISLATION WOULD ADDRESS INVOICING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE HOW THE REBATE IS TO APPEAR ON CONSUMER ELECTRICITY BILLS;
 - F. THE LEGISLATION WOULD INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE THE WAY IN WHICH THE REBATE IS TO BE FLOWED THROUGH TO CONSUMERS, AND THE WAY IN WHICH ELECTRICITY VENDORS PROVIDING THE REBATE ARE TO BE REIMBURSED;
 - G. THE LEGISLATION WOULD INCLUDE RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICITY VENDORS AND ANY OTHER PRESCRIBED PERSONS; AND
 - H. THE LEGISLATION WOULD INCLUDE INSPECTION POWERS FOR INSPECTORS APPOINTED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, INCLUDING POWERS RELATED TO RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS.

Proposed Cabinet Minute (cont'd)

3. ENERGY AMEND O. REG. 429/04 (ADJUSTMENTS UNDER SECTION 25.33 OF THE ACT) MADE UNDER THE *ELECTRICITY ACT, 1998* TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS A CONSUMERS AND CLASS A MARKET PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (ICI) TO ALL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS AND MARKET PARTICIPANTS WITH A PEAK DEMAND ABOVE AN AVERAGE OF ONE MEGAWATT (1MW) WITH NO SECTORAL RESTRICTIONS ON PARTICIPATION.
4. ENERGY AMEND O. REG 442/01 (RURAL OR REMOTE ELECTRICITY RATE PROTECTION) MADE UNDER THE *ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ACT, 1998* TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF RATE PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO LOW DENSITY HYDRO ONE INC. CONSUMERS UNDER THE RURAL OR REMOTE RATE PROTECTION PROGRAM BY \$110 MILLION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 .
5. ENERGY CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, UTILIZE A MECHANISM TO PERIODICALLY ADJUST THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF RATE PROTECTION AVAILABLE TO HYDRO ONE INC. CONSUMERS UNDER THE RURAL OR REMOTE ELECTRICITY RATE PROTECTION REGULATION / PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018.
6. ENERGY TO RECYCLE UP TO AN AVERAGE OF \$270 MILLION OF CAP AND TRADE AUCTION PROCEEDS FROM THE *GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION ACCOUNT* PER YEAR OVER THE FIRST COMPLIANCE PERIOD (2017-2020) TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS.
7. ENERGY AND MOF TO WORK WITH CABINET OFFICE (CO) AND PREMIER'S OFFICE (PO) ON COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.