

Posting Template with Regulatory Registry as Source

ENGLISH SECTION:

Posting Source: ☒ Regulatory Registry ☐ Environmental Registry

Posting Stage: ☒ For Consultation ☐ As An Approved Regulation

Exemption Obtained: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title*: Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 275/04 made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEBA); proposed amendments to O. Reg. 442/01 made under the OEBA; proposed regulations under the *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017* (OFHPA), if passed; and revocation of spent provisions of O. Reg. 364/16 made under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016* (ORECA).

Description*: ENERGY is proposing to amend existing regulations and introduce new ones related to electricity invoicing to implement the changes introduced by OFHPA, if passed. These proposed amendments would remove outdated informational messaging from invoices; introduce new messaging requirements related to OFHPA initiatives; and inform customers about resultant bill impacts. These amendments would also exempt Hydro One from specified requirements, as appropriate.

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Instrument Type: ☐ Act ☐ Information ☐ Proposal ☒ Regulation – LGIC
☐ Regulation – X Minister ☐ Regulation – Other

Category: ☐ Environmental ☒ General ☐ Safety, Health and Labour

Regulation Number: O. Reg. 275/04, O. Reg. 364/16, new regulations as appropriate.

Bill or Act: *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*; proposed *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017*; *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*

This is a new regulation: x (check only if it is a new regulation) N/A: Posting relates to multiple regulations, new and existing.

Summary of Proposal*:

Regulations under proposed OFHPA, 2017:

ENERGY is proposing to create new regulations under the proposed OFHPA that would require invoices to include messaging related to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) and the resultant bill impacts.

Beginning July 1, 2017, proposed regulations would require electricity vendors and unit sub-meter providers (USMPs) to set out the following statement on invoices in a location where conservation or other utility messages are usually placed:

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan lowers electricity bills by 25 percent on average for typical residential consumers. This includes the eight per cent rebate introduced in January and builds on previous initiatives to deliver broad-based relief on all electricity bills.

Regulations would also require electricity vendors and USMPs to accompany paper invoices with a descriptive bill insert to be issued once every quarter within a specific 12-month period, beginning with the first invoice issued on or after July 1, 2017 until the first invoice issued on or after July 1, 2018. The insert would state the following:

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

- *Electricity bills would be lowered by 25 per cent on average for residential consumers*
- *Rate increases would be held to inflation for four years*
- *As many as half a million small businesses and farms would also benefit from this reduction*
- *Lower-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural communities would receive even greater reductions, as much as a 40 to 50 per cent cut*

The benefit would vary for individual consumers depending on electricity usage and service territory. These measures include the eight per cent rebate introduced in January 2017 and build on previous initiatives to deliver broad-based relief on all electricity bills.

To find out more, visit ontario.ca/FairHydroPlan.

Proposed regulations would also require electricity vendors identified in regulation as servicing customers on-reserve to include a "First Nations Delivery

Credit” as a visible line item on invoices and demonstrate the associated savings, as applicable.

O. Reg. 275/04:

ENERGY proposes to amend O. Reg. 275/04 to remove invoicing requirements related to the debt retirement charge (DRC) exemption message, per s. 8.2. Electricity vendors and USMPs would no longer have to include informational messaging about the DRC on or with invoices, as required by O. Reg. 161/15, s. 6.

O. Reg. 442/01:

ENERGY proposes to repeal the requirement for Hydro One to include RRRP-related messaging on or with invoices under O. Reg. 442/01, s.6.

Amendments to O. Reg. 364/16:

In an effort to remove outdated messaging if the OFHPA is passed, ENERGY plans to revoke paragraphs 4 and 5 of ss. 2(1) and 3(1) of O. Reg. 364/16. These provisions prescribe the use of 8% provincial rebate messaging on or with invoices and envelopes.

If the proposed OFHPA is passed, this 8% rebate messaging would no longer be accurate given the 25% on average bill reductions contemplated by the proposed Act. Therefore, ENERGY is proposing to revoke these requirements in advance of July 1, 2017. The inclusion of an “8% Provincial Rebate” credit on invoices would remain.

Hydro One

ENERGY proposes to exempt Hydro One from specified electricity invoicing requirements prescribed under O. Reg. 275/04 and O. Reg. 364/16.

All proposed regulations and regulatory amendments would take effect on July 1, 2017.

Subject Keywords: Strategic Policy Branch to select from a set list.

Posting Date: TBC

Comments Due Date: TBC

Additional Info 1

Link to O. Reg. 275/04

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/040275/v11>

Link to O. Reg. 442/01

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/010442>

Link to O. Reg. 364/16

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r16364>

FRENCH SECTION:

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Subject Key Words: The list of key words beginning on the next page will likely be out of date as key words are added regularly. Check online for the most up to date listing.

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crematoriums
Crown charges
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Food Safety and
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 Act, 2001
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guardrail system
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Highway Traffic Act
Home care
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Restraints for infants
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Restraints for persons
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road safety
rural affairs
safety
safety-engineered
salesperson
School
school bus
severance pay
site rehabilitation
slaughter plants
small business
Small Business
Agency
social inclusion
solicitation
space heaters

special waste
specimen collection
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standards of practice
Stewardship Ontario
stilts
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