

Re: Bill 13

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Ok. Thanks

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Deputy,
See below for consideration. Ok to share with MO?
Keley

- * Bill 13, the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*, would (if passed) put in place an eight per cent rebate on electricity bills for eligible customers. This legislative framework would put in place the requirement for the rebate to be provided by January 1, 2017, but not the mechanism needed to deliver the program
- * With a January 1, 2017 implementation target date, there is pressing need to provide local distribution companies (LDCs) and other entities responsible for delivering the rebate to consumers with the details on implementation in order to make the necessary adjustments to their billing and customer information systems.
- * Updates to LDC billing systems are time intensive and operationally complex. LDCs are requesting the opportunity to consult with the Ministry on the specifics of what billing system changes would be required, should the Bill be passed. In order to meet the January 1, 2017 implementation date, these consultations must begin while the Bill is being considered.
- * Following consultation, LDCs will require certainty as to the required changes before incurring additional billing system costs. This certainty would include a general regulation made under the Act in order to put in place the required mechanisms that would allow for electricity vendors to be reimbursed for the amounts credited to consumer accounts, as well as other important provisions related to payments, reporting requirements, and billing requirements. Without these mechanisms, rebates cannot flow from government to utilities, and ultimately to consumers. The regulation cannot be filed until the Act has been passed and the authority to create the regulation has been established.
- * For some LDCs, filing of the regulation will be required before billing system changes are initiated. Should there be a delay in enacting the program, these LDCs may not have enough time to ensure they are operational for January 1, 2017.

- * Providing LDCs with program certainty and additional time to implement the 8% rebate program will facilitate a smoother transition on January 1, 2017 and ensure that Ontario consumers receive the 8% rebate in a timely fashion.