

Amendments to “Regulation or O. Reg. 314/15”, “Ontario Electricity Support Program” under the “*Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*”

Current Regulation	Proposed Amendment	Rationale for Change
	1. “account-holder” means a consumer who has an account with a distributor that falls within a residential-rate classification as specified in a rate order made by the Board under section 78 of the Act, and who lives at the service address to which the account relates for at least six months in a year; “electricity-intensive medical device” means an oxygen concentrator, a mechanical ventilator or a kidney dialysis machine; “household” means the account-holder and any other people living at the accountholder’s service address for at least six months in a year, including people other than the account-holder’s spouse, children or other relatives; “household income” means the combined annual after-tax income of all members of a household aged 16 or over; “Indigenous person” includes a person who is a First Nations person, a Métis person or an Inuit person.	These definitions are referenced in the proposed amendment.

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Amount of OESP rate assistance 5. For 2016, the Board shall fix the amount of monthly rate assistance for each class of consumers that has been identified as rate-assisted consumers in the Distribution System Code as follows: 1. \$30 for consumers in Class A. 2. \$34 for consumers in Class B. 3. \$38 for consumers in Class C. 4. \$42 for consumers in Class D. 5. \$45 for consumers in Class E. 6. \$50 for consumers in Class F. 7. \$55 for consumers in Class G. 8. \$60 for consumers in Class H. 9. \$75 for consumers in Class I.	Amount of OESP rate assistance 5. (1) Effective May 1, 2017, the Board shall fix the amount of monthly rate assistance for each class of consumers that is identified as rate-assisted consumers in Schedule 1 as follows: (a) \$35 for consumers in Class A; (b) \$40 for consumers in Class B; (c) \$45 for consumers in Class C; (d) \$51 for consumers in Class D; (e) \$52 for consumers in Class E; (f) \$57 for consumers in Class F; (g) \$60 for consumers in Class G; (h) \$63 for consumers in Class H; (i) \$68 for consumers in Class I; (j) \$75 for consumers in Class J; (k) \$83 for consumers in Class K; (l) \$90 for consumers in Class L; and (m) \$113 for consumers in Class M.	This section was amended to increase the OESP credit amount by 50% and prescribe the revised credit amounts for new the eligible categories.
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	1. Class A is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders that also meet the requirements of Class E: i. account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of three persons, and ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no more than \$52,000 living in a household of five persons. 2. Class B is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders that also meet the requirements of Class G: i. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of two persons, ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of four persons, and iii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no	Schedule 1 is added to the regulation to prescribe the new eligibility criteria and revised classes that are now eligible to receive the OESP under the enhanced OESP criteria.

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	more than \$52,000 living in a household of six persons. 3. Class C is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders that also meet the requirements of Class I: i. account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of one or two persons, ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of three persons, iii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of five persons, and iv. account-holders with a household income of more than \$48,000 and no more than \$52,000 living in a household of seven or more persons. 4. Class D is composed of the following account-holders, other than account-holders that also meet the requirements of Class J:	

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	i. account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of three persons, ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of four persons, and iii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of six persons. 5. Class E is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class A who also meet any of the following requirements: i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity. ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive	

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	medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates. 6. Class F is composed of the following account-holders, other than account holders that also meet the requirements of Class K: i. account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of four persons, ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of five persons, and iii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$39,000 and no more than \$48,000 living in a household of seven or more persons. 7. Class G is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class B who also meet any of the following requirements: i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.	

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	ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates. 8. Class H is composed of the following account-holders, other than account holders that also meet the requirements of Class L: i. account-holders with a household income of \$28,000 or less living in a household of five persons, and ii. account-holders with a household income of more than \$28,000 and no more than \$39,000 living in a household of six persons. 9. Class I is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class C who also meet any of the following requirements:	

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	iii. account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class D who also meet any of the following requirements: A. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity. B. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. C. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates. 11. Class K is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class F who also meet any of the following requirements,: i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity.	

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	ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates. 12. Class L is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under Class H who also meet any of the following requirements: i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity. ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.	

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	13. Class M is composed of account-holders with a household income and household size described under subparagraph i or ii of the description of Class J who also meet any of the following requirements: i. The dwelling to which the account relates is heated primarily by electricity. ii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household is an Indigenous person. iii. The account-holder or any member of the account-holder's household regularly uses, for medical purposes, an electricity-intensive medical device at the dwelling to which the account relates.	
	Commencement 4. This Regulation comes into force on May 1, 2017.	Date the proposed regulatory amendment comes into force.

