

ENERGY LRC Package: USMP - Strengthening the regulatory oversight of the Ontario Energy Board over Unit Sub-Meter Providers

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Attachments: Ministry Approval Form USMP - final.doc (254.98 kB); USMP_PRIA Form final.docx (51 kB); Appendix A regulation comparison chart USMP cd v3.doc (207.87 kB)

Hi Phil:

Energy is proposing to track into the Dec 11 LRC with a package on extending OEB regulatory oversight to unit sub-meter providers:

- Unit sub-meter providers (USMPs) are privately owned companies that provide metering services to multi-unit residential buildings so that individual unit residents can be billed for electricity based on their individual consumption levels.
- USMPs are licensed by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and must conduct their business in compliance with the OEB's Unit Sub-Metering Code but they are not rate regulated. Therefore, they can charge customers in multi-unit residential buildings an administration charge that is not reviewed nor approved by the OEB.
- Consumers have told both the Province and the OEB that they would like to know more about what they are being asked to pay for by USMPs.
- On July 26, 2017, Cabinet approved initiatives to be implemented in the 2017 LTEP.
- As a result of this submission, Cabinet directed the Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) to increase consumer protection by proclaiming provisions in the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (OEBA) to increase the OEB regulatory authority over USMPs.

Please let me know if PO is supportive of this item tracking in at this time.

Thanks

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Attached is:

- 1) PRIA Form
- 2) Regulation Comparison Chart
- 3) Proc OIC to proclaim the legislative sections (pw: legcounsel)
- 4) LRC Form
- 5) TAED exemption request (we would like to have leg/reg come into force April 2018 to align with OEB fiscal plan)
- 6) Regulation (short regulation on allowing OEB to assess costs from the USMPs as they do with other regulated entities) (pw: legcounsel)