

RE: Electricity Bills- LRC item- ADM drafts?

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Tim,

Below are the details on the exemptions provided so far. Regarding the signatures, the package has been couriered to the Minister for signature and we are following up with our MO on the status.

Martin

Alectra:

Alectra has been authorized by the Minister pursuant to section 3 of O. Reg. 196/17 for technical or operational reasons, to use an alternative approach to the customer-specific OFHP messaging, until Q2 2019. Alectra sought to delay implementation of the dynamic OFHP messaging and use the current static message as they are currently in the process of integrating the customer information systems for the 4 merged LDCs into a common system. In order to ensure the most seamless transmission from the four legacy billing systems to one, Alectra requested not introduce the dynamic messaging into the legacy systems, but rather roll it out in the integrated system, once it is successfully consolidated. Alectra will continue to use the static message "Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan substantially lowers electricity for typical residential consumers. This includes the eight per cent rebate introduced in January 2017, and builds on previous initiatives to deliver broad-based relief on all electricity bills" until Q2 2019.

Brantford

Brantford Power Inc. (BPI) has been authorized by the Minister, pursuant to section 3 of O. Reg. 196/17 for technical or operational reasons, to use an alternative approach to the customer-specific OFHP messaging until Q2 2019. BPI is currently in the process of modernizing its customer information systems (CIS), which includes the implementation of a new CIS. BPI has planned its IT resources for 2018 to ensure a smooth and timely roll-out of the new CIS project. The IT resources needed to implement the dynamic OFHP savings, required under O. Reg. 196/17, are substantial and would risk the implementation of the CIS project if implemented on a simultaneous timeline. BPI will continue to use the static message "Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan substantially lowers electricity for typical residential consumers. This includes the eight per cent rebate introduced in January 2017, and builds on previous initiatives to deliver broad-based relief on all electricity bills" until Q2 2019.

IESO

The IESO has been authorized by the Minister, pursuant to section 3 of O. Reg. 196/17 for technical or operational reasons, to use an alternative approach to the customer-specific OFHP messaging. IESO indicated that the dynamic messaging requirements are cost prohibitive and only affect two specified customer accounts. Their billing system does not easily incorporate new on-bill messaging

and any changes made to their invoicing process would be adopted system-wide; impacting the invoices of all market participants, including consumers, generators, importers, exporters and program participants. IESO has received approval to send the following email message to the specified customers at the same time as their invoices are issued: "You have received your monthly IESO invoice inclusive of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan saved you "insert specified amount" on your bill. This saving includes the 8% Provincial Rebate."

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Subject: RE: Electricity Bills- LRC item- ADM drafts?

Good morning, Martin. Following up on the below question and when you expect to submit the signed finals to ECO?

Thanks!

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From: Hindmarch-Watson, Tim (CAB)
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To: Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
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Hi again.

One final question that came up in review on this end. Can you confirm whether or not we know if all the LDCs and USMPs will have implemented the last round of changes by Mar 31, or if any availed themselves of the opportunity to request an extension?

Thanks!
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Tim,

Apologies – that should refer to O. Reg 429/04.

Thanks,

Martin

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Thanks, Martin. Capacity is definitely still of concern for the remaining LRCs, so I am unable to provide alternative direction at the moment.

With regards to the note itself. Can you please clarify if the part in red below should in fact refer to the O. Reg 429/04? This would be the reg that amendments are not currently planned to proceed to the April LRC, and therefore should be the subject of the following sentences. Thanks

Consequential Amendments:

If approved, the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 275/04 would necessitate consequential amendments to O. Reg. 429/04 (Adjustments under Section 25.33 of the Act) made under the Electricity Act, 1998 and O. Reg. 389/10 (General) made under the Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010 that would be brought forward in future. The proposed amendment to O. Reg 389/10 will be brought forward in April 2018 as part of the ministry proposed additional amendments to that regulation to support net metering. The ministry advises that the discrepancy in **O. Reg 389/10 would be minor** and is not anticipated to cause any significant issues or confusion for LDCs and USMPs. To ensure there is clarity in the sector on the requirements, the ministry will work with LDCs and USMPs to ensure there is no confusion with respect to billing requirements.

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Hi Tim,

Attached is our comments on the latest note.

For the question on stranded debt, we recommend directing that question at MOF.

In addition, on CO's question on moving forward with consequential amendments, ENERGY understands that Leg Counsel is only working on designated priority regs, and our consequential amendments (more minor in importance) can be done at a later date. CO would need to tell us if this has changed.

Note that our MO is still reviewing.

Thanks,
Martin

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Hi Martin:

Please see attached the revised note for further fact check. Some additional questions in the margin as well. Please send back by end of day tomorrow and sooner if possible.

Thanks!

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Tim,

Attached are staff comments on the draft LRC note.

Thanks,

Martin

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Hi Martin:

Please find attached the draft LRC note for fact check. I have not yet send out more broadly as I was hoping to get Energy's feedback first. Due to the timing, however; I will need to send it out sometime tomorrow morning, so any feedback you can provide before that would be helpful. Not needed if the timing is too short however.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks

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Hi Tim,

Please find attached the following LRC materials on bill presentment:

1. Reg Amendment (password: "buzz")
2. LRC Form
3. Reg Comparison Chart
4. Regulatory Impact Assessment Twice Annual Effective Date Exemption Request

Only thing not yet in this package is the Comms Snapshot.

Thanks,
Martin

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Thanks Martin. Anything to share yet? Also, given the timing we are also being asked to ask that folks are factoring the constituency week into their plans for signatures on packages etc. Cheers

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Hi Tim,

The drafts are still going through review/approvals. Hope to have something to you shortly.

Martin

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Hi Martin:

Just gave you a call as well. Following up on the status of the ADM approved drafts for the Electricity Bills item the ministry is proposing to track to Mar 26 LRC? Drafts were due Tuesday, and, given it is a very full agenda, we need to see drafts soon to be able to make the case to keep it on track.

Happy to discuss if that is easier.

Thanks

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