

Proposed new regulation under the OEBA as enabled under the *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017*, if passed

TAED Exemption Rationale

The Ministry of Energy is seeking an exemption from the government's twice annual effective date (TAED) policy for a proposed new regulation to be made under the new section 79.3 of the OEBA, if the *Fair Hydro Act, 2017*, if passed. Section 79.3 of the OEBA would provide for new distribution rate protection, effective July 1, 2017.

In order for prescribed distributors to be able to provide this benefit to their customers, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) needs to establish a "maximum charge" that distributors would charge their eligible customers. The methodology for the OEB to use when setting the maximum charge is outlined in the proposed new regulation and will need to be in effect prior to July 1, 2017.

The regulatory proposal is currently posted on the Regulatory Registry until June 10, 2017.