

RE: Ministry Committees

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Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2017 12:52:51 -0400

Thanks Ralph for reaching out. I think there are a few things that we're working on in our long term energy plan that maybe of interest and we will keep you in mind if there are meetings or sessions held that affect residents of condos. It's great that we have a contact and you can reach out to me if there is something in particular you would like to discuss further on this.

Appreciate you reaching out!
-Sunita

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ralph Palumbo [mailto:ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca]
Sent: October 16, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Chander, Sunita (ENERGY); Reid, Michael (MCI); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: Ministry Committees

Sunita/Michael/Matt:

You may recall that late last year we corresponded about the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Act and how it might apply to condominiums. Thanks for all the assistance in that regard.

As I may have mentioned earlier, I represent the Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario (ACMO), an organization that has worked closely with MGCS on the new condominium legislation and regulations. Now that the condominium legislative process is nearing an end and the legislation and regulations will be in force in the next while, ACMO is looking beyond that with a view to any Ministry committees that its members may be able to participate in.

The idea is that ACMO wants to engage its members with government wherever they can substantively contribute to the work that your Ministry, and others, may be doing. In that regard, are you able to tell me which committees exist within your Ministry that ACMO members might be able to participate in?

If there is someone else in the Ministry that I should be speaking with please let me know.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

Ralph

-----Original Message-----

From: Chander, Sunita (ENERGY) [mailto:Sunita.Chander@ontario.ca]
Sent: December 6, 2016 4:00 PM
To: ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca

Cc: Reid, Michael (ENERGY) <Michael.Reid@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Bill 13

Hi Ralph, hope this finds you well. I'm writing on behalf of Michael who is travelling today. He apologises for not getting back to you sooner, the Ministry has been on the road quite a bit travelling to communities for our long term energy plan over the past couple of weeks.

In terms of your questions I'm happy to provide some additional information about the 8% rebate and how it will affect condominiums. The legislative and regulatory framework for the program is outlined in the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Act, 2016 (ORECA) and two regulations: Invoicing Requirements and General under the ORECA. Attached are the links to the regulations that posted on e-laws: Invoicing Requirements:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/160364?search=ontario+rebate+for+electricity>

General:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/160363?search=ontario+rebate+for+electricity>

The eligibility criteria outlined in the ORECA very similar to eligibility for the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit and eligibility for the program is determined by just meeting one of the listed criteria. Properties, within the meaning of the Condominium Act, 1998, are eligible for the rebate.

Local distribution companies and unit sub-meter providers are responsible for identifying eligible customers and providing the rebate no later than July 1, 2017, with rebate retroactive to January 1, 2017. Condo owners should contact their local distributor or their unit sub-meter provider if they think they meet the eligibility requirements, but have not received the rebate.

There is no maximum cap on the rebate. The rebate is calculated based on 8% of the allowable base amount, as outlined in the legislation. The base amount includes commodity, rates and charges and any debt retirement charges, but excludes HST and other charges that may appear on invoices like late payments, equipment rentals, or provision of other services.

For buildings with suite meters - the legislation and regulations requires that the rebate be passed on directly to customers by the unit sub-meter provider. For buildings with a bulk meter only - the building is still eligible to receive the credit, but there are no requirements related to how the rebate is passed on to the residents in the building.

I hope this is helpful. For any technical questions, please feel free to contact me or Mike Smith, Manager of Regulatory and Agency Policy at 416-326-5752 or mike.smith@ontario.ca.

Best Regards,
-Sunita

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Original Message
From: Ralph Palumbo <ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 14:03
To: Reid, Michael (ENERGY)
Cc: Esdaile, Trevor (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Automatic reply: Bill 13

Michael:

I left a message with your assistant earlier today. I thought I would follow up by sending you the two notes that we provided on the hydro rebate issue.

Thanks.

Ralph

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From: Ralph Palumbo [mailto:ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca]
Sent: November 9, 2016 1:57 PM
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Cc: 'trevor.esdaile@ontario.ca' <trevor.esdaile@ontario.ca>
Subject: FW: Automatic reply: Bill 13

Michael - my apologies for inadvertently leaving you off the emails between Matt and me re the application of the hydro rebate process re condominium owners.

I heard from Matt that he is away until November 21. We have very much appreciated the time he spent with us to review the issues as described in the attached documentation.

Regards,

Ralph

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From: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY) [mailto:Matt.Whittington@ontario.ca]
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To: Ralph Palumbo <ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca>
Subject: Automatic reply: Bill 13

Thanks for your email.

I am out of the office until Monday, Nov 21.

If you need assistance, please contact:

For the week of Nov 7 - 11, Trevor Esdaile (trevor.esdaile@ontario.ca)

For the week of Nov 14-18, Craig Ruttan (craig.ruttan@ontario.ca)

Thanks,
Matt

From: Ralph Palumbo [mailto:ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca]

Sent: November 9, 2016 1:27 PM
To: 'Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)' <Matt.Whittington@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Bill 13

Hi Matt. I hope you don't mind my checking in with you again about the hydro rebate legislation and what was decided re condo owners.

Thanks.

Ralph

From: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY) [mailto:Matt.Whittington@ontario.ca]
Sent: October 26, 2016 7:01 PM
To: Ralph Palumbo <ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca>
Subject: RE: Bill 13

Hi Ralph,

I've spoken to Michael about the issues you flagged. Just waiting to hear back some information from him and I'll be happy to follow up with you.

Thanks,
Matt

From: Ralph Palumbo [mailto:ralph@hillcrestconsulting.ca]
Sent: October-25-16 7:58 PM
To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: Bill 13

Hi Matt. Congratulations on the passing of Bill 13.

Now that the legislation has passed, can you provide any information about its application on condo owners? Should we follow up with Michael Reid?

We would very much appreciate your advice as to next steps and what ACMO can do to assist the government in implementing the provisions that apply to the condominium sector.

Thanks.

Ralph

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