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A Review of Our Top Stories This Week

March 31, 2017

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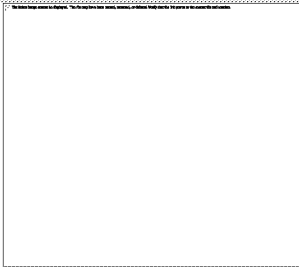
Regulatory Changes to Support Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan Posted for Comment

Earlier this month, the Ontario Ministry of Energy posted two notices about regulatory amendments being proposed to implement the Fair Hydro Plan announced by Premier Wynne. As we discussed earlier, the Fair Hydro Plan aims to reduce Ontario electricity bills by 25% through a series of measures, including eliminating the provincial portion of HST; extending the payback period for items within the Global Adjustment; and funding certain support programs from tax revenues rather than rates.

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Motion Dismissed When Two-Person OEB Panel Does Not Reach Unanimous Decision

On March 23, the Ontario Energy Board released its Decision and Order in a Review Motion that the OEB itself had commenced, indicating that the hearing panel could not reach a unanimous decision. Essentially, the Decision and Order indicated that because the motion was heard by a two-person panel, it was necessary to have a unanimous decision in order to grant any relief. The case raises the question of whether in future cases involving contested issues the OEB will ensure a three-person panel to avoid similar outcomes.

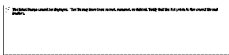
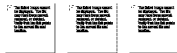


Ontario Proposes to Restrict Landlords from Passing Cap and Trade Costs to Tenants

On March 23, the Ontario Ministry of Housing issued a Notice in the Regulatory Registry proposing changes to the General Regulation under the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*. These changes would stipulate that a landlord's carbon costs within natural gas bills cannot be included when calculating above-guideline rent increases. This change is proposed in response to the commitment in the Climate Change Action Plan that the Ministry of Housing would mitigate the costs of Cap and Trade on tenants.

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