



EB-2016-0376

All Electricity Distributors

OESP Credits effective January 1, 2017

BEFORE:

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ORDER FOR OESP CREDITS

December 21, 2016

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), introduced in 2016, is a program that delivers on-bill rate assistance to low income electricity customers. All Ontario customers contribute to the OESP through the OESP charge.

The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* was amended in June 2015 to include section 79.2, which deals with rate assistance. Sections 79.2 (9) and (10) allow the OEB to order collection of funds from consumers to recover the costs of the program.

O. Reg. 314/15 established the amount of monthly rate assistance (OESP credits) for 2016 for each eligible class of consumer. The OEB sets the OESP credits for each year beyond 2016.

The OESP was implemented in January 2016 and is just completing its first year of operation. The OEB is undertaking a review of the OESP program. Given this review, the OEB is not changing the OESP credits at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The OESP credits will remain at the current level for January 1, 2017.

DATED at Toronto, **December 21, 2016**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary