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BY EMAIL

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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers
All Natural Gas Distributors**

Re: Guidance Regarding Allocations 2021-22 Funding for CEAP and CEAP-SB

By [letter](#) dated April 21, 2021, the OEB allocated an initial \$4.25 million in CEAP 2021-22 funding to licensed electricity distributors, licensed unit sub-meter providers and gas distributors (collectively, Utilities). The letter also stated that the OEB will allocate the remainder of the CEAP 2021-22 funds (\$12.75 million) over time, as Utilities deplete their existing allocations, so program funding is provided in areas where it is needed most. This letter provides additional guidance on how Utilities should request additional funding.

Electricity distributors and unit sub-meter providers (collectively, electricity utilities) are required to advise the OEB when they have exhausted or are close to exhausting their funding allocations so that the OEB can allocate additional funding (as available). The electricity utilities settle for their CEAP funding through a process with the IESO. In order to ensure that the IESO can update the maximum allocations in its settlement system in time to ensure funding is available prior to the next settlement period, electricity utilities must advise the OEB of the need for additional funding no later than noon on the following dates:

- May 18th
- June 22nd
- July 20th
- August 17th
- September 21st
- October 19th

In their submissions to the OEB for additional funding, electricity utilities are to provide an estimate of how much additional funding is required to cover applications already received and also those anticipated to be received in the month. The OEB will endeavour to provide confirmation of additional funding as soon as possible. The electricity utility should continue to accept CEAP and CEAP-SB applications in the meantime.

Gas distributors are expected to advise the OEB at any time when they have exhausted or are close to exhausting their funding allocation as their funding process is not dependent on IESO system changes. As with electricity utilities, gas distributors should include an estimate of funding needed for both received and anticipated applications for that month and should continue to accept applications.

All Utilities are required to submit any requests for additional funding, including an estimate of how much additional funding is required for applications already received and expected in the following month to Performance_Reporting@oeb.ca with the subject line "CEAP Additional Funding Request".

Any questions relating to this letter should be forwarded to the OEB's Industry Relations Enquiry e-mail at IndustryRelations@oeb.ca. Please include "CEAP/CEAP-SB Funds" in the subject line.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BH', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Hewson
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