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BY EMAIL

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Ms. Miriam Heinz
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Dear Ms. Heinz:

Re: Ontario Energy Board Allocations of CEAP and CEAP-SB Funding

Pursuant to a number of decisions and orders issued by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), the IESO's licence requires the IESO to assist with the implementation of the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program – Small Business (CEAP-SB). In particular, the IESO is responsible for reimbursing licensed electricity distributors and unit sub-meter providers (Utilities) for credits the Utilities apply to their customers' bills in accordance with CEAP and CEAP-SB, using funds it receives from the government.

By [letter](#) dated March 26, 2021, the OEB allocated \$5.25 M to electricity distributors, unit sub-meter providers, and rate regulated natural gas distributors (collectively, Utilities) that have already, or will have imminently, exhausted their initial CEAP and/or CEAP-SB allocations in the 2021/21 fiscal year. The letter also affirmed that \$750,000 would be available to Utilities that use all of their additional or initial funds and have additional need for applications received prior to May 31, 2021.

As of April 13, 2021, Renfrew Hydro Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc. and Energy Plus Inc. reported to the OEB that they have depleted their March 26, 2021 allocations (\$2,179.32, \$3,225,287.36, and \$42,570.96 respectively). These three utilities also confirmed there are additional customers with overdue amounts that may benefit from the programs and provided the OEB with estimated values required to cover the additional customers.

Section 23.6 and 24.6 of the IESO's licence state: "The Licensee shall not reimburse a Utility an amount greater than the total aggregated amount of CEAP and CEAP-SB funding that has been allocated to that Utility by the Board." The IESO is instructed to add the following amounts to the following three utilities existing maximum CEAP funding allocations referred to in section 23.6 of the IESO's licence:

Utility Name	Additional Allocation to be Added
Renfrew Hydro Inc	\$31,500
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$275,000
Energy Plus Inc.	\$10,000

The additional funding amounts shall be made available to these three utilities in advance of the next scheduled IESO reimbursement period. The OEB will allocate the remaining \$433,500 of the \$750,000 as additional utilities report depleting their allocated 2020/21 CEAP funds.

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

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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c: Energy Plus Inc
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Renfrew Hydro Inc.