



April 21, 2021

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

Re: Updated Funding Allocations for CEAP and CEAP-SB

In two letters to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), the Minister Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Associate Minister of Energy asked for the OEB's support in implementing two new programs to support consumers that are struggling to pay their energy bills as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: the [COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program](#) (CEAP, which is for residential customers) and the [COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program – Small Business](#) (CEAP-SB, which is for small businesses and registered charities). The letters also asked the OEB to allocate the total funding amounts amongst the individual licensed electricity distributors and unit sub-meter providers, and natural gas distributors (collectively, Utilities). In response the OEB took the necessary steps to implement the programs¹ and issued letters allocating those initial funds to all Utilities.

On March 26, 2021 the OEB received a [letter](#) from the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Minister's Letter) which affirmed the government is providing a further \$17 million in new program funding to allow Utilities to continue to offer CEAP and CEAP-SB in fiscal year 2021-22, beginning April 1, 2021 (CEAP 2021-22 Funds). The letter also asked the OEB to use its discretion to allocate the funding to Utilities incrementally according to demand and in a manner that maximizes customers' ability to access CEAP credits from their Utilities.

The OEB has determined that an initial amount of \$4.25M from the 2021/22 funds will be allocated amongst all Utilities based on their number of customers (set out in Appendix A to this letter). This approach is consistent with the methodology used for the initial program funding allocations and ensures all customers are afforded access to the programs. Given the programs' history, the OEB believes it is appropriate to allocate in portions so program funding is provided in areas where it is needed most as Utilities

¹ Information on CEAP and CEAP is available at: <https://www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/covid-19-energy-assistance-programs/covid-19-energy-assistance-program> and <https://www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/covid-19-energy-assistance-programs/covid-19-energy-assistance-program>

deplete their initial allocations. Additional funds will be allocated from the remaining CEAP 2021-22 Funds based on ongoing need.

Unlike the 2020/21 funding, the CEAP 2021/22 Funds are not being allocated separately for each program but, rather, will be allocated in one amount to be used for both CEAP and CEAP-SB applications in the order they are received. Utilities are reminded that they 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).

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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Appendix A

**Letter to All Licensed Electricity Distributors and
All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers
Re: Updated Funding Allocations for CEAP and CEAP-SB
OEB File No.: 2020-0162 & 2020-0185**

ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR FUNDING ALLOCATION

Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$462,839.59
Algoma Power Inc.	\$5,660.99
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$725.43
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$16,260.23
Brantford Power Inc.	\$17,661.81
Burlington Hydro Inc.	\$30,000.92
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$13,013.02
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	\$3,122.19
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	\$535.90
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	\$1,028.78
Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power	\$11,224.30
Elexicon Energy Inc.	\$73,172.14
E.L.K. Energy Inc.	\$5,505.96
Energy+ Inc.	\$28,955.11
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$26,271.59
ENWIN Utilities Ltd.	\$39,298.95
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	\$7,742.75
ERTH Power Corporation	\$10,258.25
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	\$1,467.90
Essex Powerlines Corporation	\$13,330.26
Festival Hydro Inc.	\$9,478.15
Fort Frances Power Corporation	\$1,660.57
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	\$21,116.92
Grimsby Power Incorporated	\$5,121.96
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$9,959.38
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	\$1,191.43
Hydro 2000 Inc.	\$559.65
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	\$2,447.84
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$593,276.28
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$148,783.17
Innpower Corporation	\$8,098.08
Kingston Hydro Corporation	\$12,245.92
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	\$42,960.18
Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$4,631.31
Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.	\$6,051.71
London Hydro Inc.	\$70,530.29
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	\$17,578.91
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	\$19,281.60
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$24,555.91

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	\$4,182.34
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	\$10,715.29
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	\$2,621.69
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	\$31,917.79
Orangeville Hydro Limited	\$5,578.10
Orillia Power Distribution Corporation	\$6,239.91
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	\$26,082.05
Ottawa River Power Corporation	\$4,972.75
1937680 ONTARIO INC. (Peterborough Distribution Inc.)	\$16,478.89
PUC Distribution Inc.	\$14,898.97
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	\$1,907.91
Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.	\$2,618.56
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	\$1,250.13
Synergy North Corporation	\$25,082.84
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	\$3,148.18
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$341,305.71
Wasaga Distribution Inc.	\$6,164.18
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	\$25,408.59
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$10,396.26
Wellington North Power Inc.	\$1,687.01
Westario Power Inc.	\$10,465.26

USMP FUNDING ALLOCATION

Alectra Energy Services Inc.	\$8,153.88
Alexian Energy Services Inc.	\$1,500.00
CARMA Corp.	\$12,473.08
Clean Cut Energy Corp.	\$1,500.00
Comsatec Inc.	\$1,500.00
Dynergy Energy Management Inc.	\$1,500.00
Enercan Energy Management	\$1,500.00
Metergy Solutions Inc.	\$58,268.26
NRG Direct (Evdirect)	\$1,500.00
ND Energy Inc.	\$1,500.00
Olameter Inc.	\$1,500.00
Onyx Energy	\$1,500.00
Pike Lake Golf Centre Limited	\$1,500.00
Priority Submetering Solutions Inc.	\$10,626.59
Provident Energy Management Inc.	\$13,537.37
Simply Metering Solutions Inc.	\$1,500.00
Trilliant Networks (Canada) Inc.	\$1,500.00
Utilimeter Corporation	\$1,500.00
Wyse Meter Solutions Inc.	\$26,008.59
YES Energy Management Inc.	\$1,574.18

GAS DISTRIBUTOR FUNDING ALLOCATION

Enbridge Gas Inc.	\$1,734,429.79
EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership	\$4,437.74
Kitchener Utilities.	\$33,511.60
Utilities Kingston	\$6,751.16