

**RE: 8% rebate under the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016**

Dear Customer,

As of January 1, 2017, the Government of Ontario is introducing an 8% rebate under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016* ("The Act") equal to the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on the bills of residential, farm, small business and other eligible customers. This 8% rebate will begin to appear on electricity bills for eligible customers effective January 1, 2017.

If you previously provided Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (WHESC) with a self-declaration form to be exempted from the Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) or to receive the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit (OCEB), you will automatically be enrolled to receive this rebate. Please note that if your status has changed since you provided these forms, it is your responsibility to notify WHESC of that change as it may affect your eligibility to receive the 8% rebate.

Under the additional eligibility criteria provided in the Act, you may be eligible to receive the 8% rebate on your bill even if you did not previously qualify for the DRC exemption or the OCEB. Please read carefully and complete the attached self-declaration form if you are eligible to receive the 8% rebate. At your earliest convenience, please return the completed form to WHESC so that your account can be registered to receive the rebate on your electricity bill.

Please note that it is your responsibility to provide accurate information on the form to qualify for the rebate and you may be subject to a third-party audit at any time to verify the information you provided. Failure to do so will lead to the requirement to reimburse the full amount of the 8% rebate to WHESC.

If you qualify for the rebate, WHESC will retroactively credit your account for electricity consumption effective January 1, 2017. If the declaration is submitted after January 1, 2019, the rebate will be applied for a maximum of two years from the date you provided us with the completed self-declaration form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Customer Service Team at [csr@wellandhydro.com](mailto:csr@wellandhydro.com).

Sincerely,

Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.

## Self-Declaration Form for 8% Rebate on Electricity Bill

You may be eligible to receive an 8% rebate on your electricity bill effective January 1, 2017 under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*. If your account meets any of the eligibility criteria below, please check off all boxes that apply, and sign and date the form. Once completed, please return to Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp. (WHESC) as per the instructions below.

If you qualify for the rebate, we will retroactively credit your account (as applicable) to consumption effective January 1, 2017 or to a maximum of two years from the date you provided us with the completed self-declaration form, if submitted after January 1, 2019.

### Eligibility for the 8% rebate

To be eligible to receive the 8% rebate on your electricity bill, you must qualify under at least ONE of the following criteria:

(Please check all that apply to your account)

- ☐ Annual demand for electricity of 50 kilowatts or less;
- ☐ Annual consumption of 250,000 kilowatt hours of electricity or less;
- ☐ You carry on a business that is a farming business for the purposes of the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993*, and you hold a valid registration number assigned under that Act or your obligation to file a farming business registration form was waived pursuant to an order made under subsection 22 (6) of that Act;
- ☐ Your account relates to one of the following:
  - (i) a dwelling,
  - (ii) a property, within the meaning of the *Condominium Act, 1998*,
  - (iii) a residential complex, within the meaning of subsection 2 (1) of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, without regard to section 5 of that Act, or

You can find these acts on the government's e-laws website at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca)

By completing this form, you are certifying that information contained herein is accurate and you will notify WHESC if any information changes. You may be subject to a third-party audit at any time to verify the information. You also acknowledge that failure to do so will lead to the requirement to reimburse any overpayment.

<b>Corporation's Name:</b>   Name and Office of Authorized Officer:	I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete.   <hr/> Signature of Authorized Officer	Date
Name of Proprietorship:   Name of Proprietor:	I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete.   <hr/> Signature of Proprietor (should be same as the Account Name)	Date

<b>Partnership's Name:</b>     Name of Authorized Individual to sign on behalf of the Partnership:	I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete.   <hr/> Signature of Authorized Individual (should be same as the Account Name)	Date
<b>Co-operative's Name</b>     Name of Authorized Individual to sign on behalf of Co-operative:	I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete.   <hr/> Signature of Authorized Individual (should be same as the Account Name)	Date

**Please return completed form either via email at [csr@wellandhydro.com](mailto:csr@wellandhydro.com) or by fax at 905-732-0123.**

All information submitted in this process will be used by WHESC in support of its obligations under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*; *Act, 1998*, and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*; applicable Ontario Energy Board Codes and Rules; associated policies; standards and procedures; and its license. WHESC will use the information collected on this form for the purposes of confirming your eligibility for the 8% rebate to your bill and for auditing purposes.

If you have any questions about this collection, the ways in which your personal information may be used by WHESC, or would like further information about WHESC privacy policy, please email us at [privacy@wellandhydro.com](mailto:privacy@wellandhydro.com).

You may also visit our [website](#) and view WHESC's Privacy Policy for more information.