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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 Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) 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 had already, or would 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 used all of their additional or initial funds and had additional need for applications received prior to May 31, 2021.

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." By [letter](#) dated April 13, 2021, the OEB instructed the IESO to add funds to the maximum CEAP funding amounts for three utilities that had exhausted their March 26, 2021 allocations.

As of April 19, 2021, the OEB has received reports from 13 additional Utilities that have depleted their March 26, 2021 allocations. These Utilities also confirmed there are

additional applications received from customers with overdue amounts that may benefit from the programs and provided the OEB with estimated values required to cover the additional customers. IESO is instructed to add the following amounts to the following Utilities' existing maximum CEAP funding allocations referred to in section 23.6 of the IESO's licence:

<b>Utility Name</b>	<b>Additional Allocation to be Added</b>
Alectra Utilities Corporation	\$83,000.00
Algoma Power Inc.	\$3,500.00
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	\$756.52
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	\$20,000.00
Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	\$3,000.00
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	\$4,851.74
ERTH Power Corporation	\$9,000.00
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	\$8,000.00
Hydro Ottawa Limited	\$83,000.00
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	\$10,611.00
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	\$2,833.98
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	\$118,817.70
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$3,129.06

The additional funding amounts, combined with the previous April 13<sup>th</sup> amounts and an additional allocation to a natural gas distributor, fully allocates the \$750,000. These additional funding amounts shall be made available to the Utilities in advance of the next scheduled IESO reimbursement period. The OEB expects to allocate the 2021/22 CEAP funding shortly.

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

Yours truly,

*Original Signed By*

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