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Effective January 1, 2016, the Government of Ontario is removing the Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) from certain residential electricity consumers' bills. Bulk metered multi-unit residential buildings are also eligible for a DRC exemption of up to 1,500 kWh per month per eligible residential unit.

In order to receive the DRC exemption, clients with an eligible bulk metered multiresidential building must notify their local distribution company (LDC). For information about the DRC exemption, visit enercare.ca/RegulatoryChanges. To assist clients, Enercare will be managing the submission process on the client's behalf; however, clients must fully complete the DRC Self Declaration form as Enercare is not authorized to sign the form.

#### **Submitting Your Form to Enercare**

Enercare requests for completed DRC Self Declaration forms to be submitted by November 15, 2015 in order to allow adequate time for review by Enercare and submission to the LDC. Provided that properly completed and executed forms are submitted to the LDC in advance of January 1, 2016, bulk bills should reflect the DRC exemption effective January 1, 2016.

Email: client.care@enercare.ca

Subject: DRC Self Declaration Form

Mail: Enercare Connections

Attention: Client Care – DRC Self Declaration, 4000 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, ON M2H 3P4

### **Important Information**

Forms that are submitted directly to the LDC, instead of to Enercare, cannot be tracked by Enercare. By submitting your form to us, DRC related billing discrepancies will be mitigated. Please notify us at <a href="mailto:cient.care@enercare.ca">client.care@enercare.ca</a> if you have submitted a form directly to the LDC.

## Have a question?

Contact your Client Manager or client.care@enercare.ca.

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# Self-Declaration Form Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) Exemption

The Ontario government has announced the exemption from DRC for users with residential rate class accounts on all electricity consumed after December 31, 2015. All types of residential rate classes, including seasonal residential rate classes are eligible for this exemption. Starting on January 1, 2016, Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. will not charge DRC on residential rate class customers. These customers are not required to do anything to receive the exemption.

General service- rate class accounts that provide electricity to eligible residential units are eligible for an exemption up to 1,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month multiplied by the number of eligible residential units.

**General service rate class customers** can self-declare their eligibility for the Debt Retirement Charge Exemption if they qualify.

If you are a General Service rate class customer and the account provides electricity consumed in one or more eligible residential units, please return this completed form as soon as possible to register your account so that you may receive the exemption from paying the DRC for the first 1,500 kWh of electricity used per month per eligible residential unit. This exemption applies only to electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2016. Declarations received after that date will be applied to the next bill and not applied retroactively.

If you are a General Service rate class customer and you do not submit a completed form and you have eligible residential units, you are not eligible for the exemption.

#### Step One – Does your account qualify?

As defined in Ontario Regulation (O.Reg. 493/01), you qualify for DRC reduction if your account relates to:

An eligible residential unit that:

- (a) Is a self-contained set of rooms located in a building or structure,
- (b) Contains kitchen and bathroom facilities that are intended for the use of that unit only, and
- (c) Is used or intended for use as a residential premise.

Please visit www.ontario.ca/drc for more information on the DRC exemption.

#### Step Two - Complete this form:

If your account qualifies, please fill in the information below. If you have more than one qualified account, list each account separately. Please attach a separate page if you run out of room. If there are units in your building or complex that are metered or billed separately from the account referenced, do not include them in the total number of units for this account.



By completing this form, you certify that the account(s) listed below provide(s) electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit.

#### Self-Declaration under the Electricity Act as an eligible Multi-Unit Residential Complex

Account Number	Account Holder Name(s)	Service Address	Number of Eligible Residential Units

#### Acknowledgement:

By completing this form, you are certifying that the information contained herein is complete and accurate and that you will notify Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. promptly if any information changes. You must advise Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. promptly in writing if your account ceases to qualify for the Debt Retirement Charge exemption as an eligible multi-unit residential complex or if there is a change in the number of units with the property or complex.

The following individuals have authority to provide and certify the accuracy of the information on this form and any additional attachments. It is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement in a document submitted under Part V.1 (Debt Retirement Charge) of the *Electricity Act*, 1998. Any penalty resulting from falsifying this Self Declaration Form shall be borne by the account holder. Please complete the applicable section below:

Corporation's Name:	I certify that the above information to be true, correct and complete.	Date:
Name & Office of Authorized Officer:	Signature of Authorized Officer	
Sole Proprietor:	I certify that the above information to be true, correct and complete.	Date:
Name of Applicant:	Signature of Applicant (should be same as Account Name)	



Partnership's Name:	I certify that the above information to be true, correct and complete.	Date:
Name of Authorized Individual to sign on behalf of Partnership:	Signature of Applicant (should be same as Account Name)	

Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. will use the information collected on this form for the purposes of confirming your eligibility as an eligible multi-unit residential complex for purposes of DRC calculation. This information is being collected and used for billing and auditing purposes and will remain confidential in accordance with Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. privacy policy.

To qualify for the exemption, this self-declaration form must be completed and returned to Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

Please note that a declaration form submitted for the Regulated Price Plan and /or the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit does not meet the notice requirements of the DRC Exemption. A Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) Exemption form must be received.

#### PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mail: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

Attention: Billing Department 7447 Pin Oak Drive, P.O. Box 120

Niagara Falls, Ontario

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Email: info@npei.ca Fax: 905-356-0118