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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 multi-residential 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 client.care@enercare.ca if you have submitted a form directly to the LDC.

Have a question?

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



Application and Declaration for Debt Retirement Charge Exemption

Thunder Bay Hydro Account Number	Account Name	Service Address	# of Eligible Residential Units*

* Please note that if the notice does not specify the number of eligible residential units that are included in the account, the notice is deemed to have specified that one such unit is included in the account.

By signing below you are certifying that:

- The account provides for electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit;
- The information contained in this notice is complete and accurate, and that the user will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes;
- It is acknowledged that 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*.

PRINT	SIGN
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Corporation: 1. Name of Corporation 2. Name of Authorized Officer 3. Title\Office of Authorized Officer	Signature of Authorized Officer I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date
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or

Sole Proprietor: Name of authorized Sole Proprietor (should be the same as the Account Name)	Signature of Applicant I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date
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or

Partnership: Name of authorized individual to sign on behalf of Partnership	Signature of Authorized Individual I certify the above information to be true, correct and complete and acknowledge that it is an offence to make a false or deceptive statement. I will promptly notify the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if any of the information changes.	Date
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All information submitted in this process will be used by Thunder Bay Hydro in support of its obligations under the *Electricity Act, 1998* and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, applicable Ontario Energy Board Codes and Rules, associated policies, standards and procedures and its license. This information is being collected and used for billing and auditing purposes. All submitted information will be assigned to the appropriate confidentiality level on receipt. This information will be retained by Thunder Bay Hydro and may be subject to review by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

**ONTARIO REGULATION 493/01
DEBT RETIREMENT CHARGE — RATES AND EXEMPTIONS**

Definitions

1. (1) In this Regulation,
“Eligible residential unit” means a 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 the unit only, and
 - (c) is used or intended for use as a residential premises;

Debt retirement charge

2. (1) The debt retirement charge payable by a user for a period commencing on or after May 1, 2002 is the amount calculated by multiplying the prescribed rate, as determined under subsection (2) for the location at which the electricity is consumed, by the number of kilowatt hours of electricity consumed at that location during the period, as determined,

Exemption, accounts with eligible residential units

5.2 (1) This section applies with respect to a user who has an account with a distributor for the provision of electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit. However, this section does not apply with respect to an account described in subsection 5.1 (1). O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(2) For an account described in subsection (1), the user is exempt from the requirement to pay the debt retirement charge for a month with respect to the lesser of,

- (a) the amount of the user's consumption of electricity in the month as set out in the invoice for the account; and
- (b) 1,500 kilowatt hours of electricity multiplied by the number of eligible residential units specified in the notice given to the distributor in accordance with section 5.4. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(3) Despite subsection (2), the user is not eligible for an exemption under this section unless the user has given the notice described in section 5.4 to the distributor in accordance with that section. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(4) The following rules govern when the exemption applies:

1. The exemption does not apply with respect to electricity consumed before January 1, 2016.
2. If the user's notice is received by the distributor before January 1, 2016, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2016.
3. If the user's notice is received by the distributor after December 31, 2015 and at least 11 days before the expiry of the distributor's billing period for the user, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after the beginning of the billing period in which the distributor received the notice. However, if the billing period begins in 2015, the exemption applies only with respect to electricity consumed on or after January 1, 2016.
4. If the user's notice is received by the distributor after December 31, 2015 and within 10 days before the expiry of the distributor's billing period for the user, the exemption applies with respect to electricity consumed on or after the beginning of the following billing period. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(5) Subsection (4) applies with necessary modifications if the user gives the distributor a revised notice indicating a change in the number of eligible residential units for the account. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a reference to a month means, in relation to a distributor, the period for which the distributor assesses the monthly rates and charges set out in a rate order made by the Board under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.