

**Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
DEBT RETIREMENT CHARGE
SELF DECLARATION FORM**

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mail: Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
100 Simcoe Street South
Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7M7

Or Fax: 905-743-5222
Or Email: contactus@opuc.on.ca
Attention: Customer Service Department

The Ontario Regulation 156/15 relating to Debt Retirement Charge provides eligible customers a reduction on the Debt Retirement Charges related to electricity consumption on their bills. This reduction of the Debt Retirement charge will become effective January 1, 2016. Some exceptions apply.

Customers may qualify for a Debt Retirement Charge exemption on eligible residential units up to 1,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of monthly consumption multiplied by the number of residential units stated in the declaration form, if all of the following circumstances exist:

The account has to include at least one "eligible residential unit" to qualify for a reduction of the Debt Retirement Charge.

An eligible residential unit is:

1. A self-contained set of rooms located in a building or structure; and
2. Contains kitchen and bathroom facilities that are intended for the use of the unit only; and
3. Is used or intended for use as residential premises.

If you answered yes to all of the above, please fully complete and return this form as soon as possible to register your account for the Debt Retirement Charge exemption. If you qualify, we will calculate the Debt Retirement Charge Credit based on the form and will become effective January 1, 2016, or upon receipt, whichever is later.

ACCOUNT HOLDER DECLARATION RE: DEBT RETIREMENT CHARGE

1. **Customer Name:** _____

Account Holder: _____

Service Address: _____

Hydro Account Number (10 digits): _____

2. **I declare that the account provides electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit, based on the above definition.**

3. **Number of eligible residential units included in the account:**

4. **I declare that the information contained in the notice above is complete and accurate, and as the account holder will promptly notify Oshawa PUC Networks Inc. of any information changes regarding the eligible residential units with this account.**

5. **I acknowledge 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 Name of Account Holder

Authorized Signature

Date

**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.

Notice re: eligible residential units

5.4 (1) A user who wishes to obtain an exemption under section 5.2 or 5.3 for an account shall give the notice described in this section to the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, either in person or by mail or by such other means as the distributor or the IESO may permit. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(2) The notice must include the following:

1. The user's name, address and account number.
2. A statement that the account provides for electricity that is consumed in at least one eligible residential unit.
3. The number of eligible residential units included in the account.
4. A statement certifying that the information contained in the 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.
5. A statement acknowledging 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*.
6. The name and signature of the user or of an individual authorized by the user to give the notice on the user's behalf, and the date of the signature. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(3) 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. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.

(4) The user shall promptly give a revised notice to the distributor or the IESO, as the case may be, if there is a change in the number of eligible residential units included in the account. O. Reg. 156/15, s. 2.