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COMMUNIQUE

TO: First Nations Leadership
FROM: COO Executive Office
DATE: June 20, 2017
RE: **FIRST NATIONS DELIVERY CREDIT IMPLEMENTATION**

REGISTER NOW IN ORDER TO REMOVE DELIVERY CHARGES BY AUGUST 1ST

On May 31, 2017 the Province of Ontario passed the *Fair Hydro Act* that will lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers in the province. This Act also provides the foundation for the First Nation Delivery Credit: The First Nation Delivery Credit will provide First Nation on-reserve households with additional savings through a 100 per cent credit of the delivery line on the monthly electricity bills.

The Chiefs Committee on Energy has been working with the Ministry of Energy to implement the First Nation Delivery Credit for an implementation date of July 1, 2017. First Nation on-reserve residential customers that are currently registered with their Local Distribution Company for the HST exemption will be automatically eligible and enrolled to receive the First Nation Delivery Credit.

To ensure all First Nation on-reserve residential customers receive the First Nation Delivery Credit in the most efficient manner, the existing HST exemption system will be used to identify eligible First Nations on-reserve residential customers. First Nations on-reserve residential customers that are not currently registered with their Local Distribution Company to receive the HST exemption are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

We are asking First Nations leadership to assist by communicating that all First Nations on-reserve residential customers, need to ensure that they are registered with their Local Distribution Company to receive the HST exemption in order to receive the First Nation Delivery Credit. Those First Nation on-reserve residential customers who are registered with their Local Distribution Company prior to July 1, 2017 should see the removal of delivery charges starting as early as August 2017.

For First Nation on-reserve residential customers that are not currently receiving the HST exemption, please have them contact their Local Distribution Company or visit the Chiefs of Ontario website at <http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org> to access further information.

For any further questions or concerns, please contact Amy Lickers at the Chiefs of Ontario at amy.lickers@coo.org or at 416-597-1266