

To: Ministry of Energy

RE: OSEA Response to Ministry of Energy's Consultation on HER&D

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) is a membership-based association of individuals, community, public and private sector champions. Our vision is of a prosperous Ontario with a thriving sustainable energy sector, good jobs, resilient communities and healthy environments powered, heated, cooled and moved by portfolios of sustainable energy, including energy efficiency and conservation.

OSEA has been championing the transition to a 100% sustainable energy system since its inception in 2001. We take an evidence-based approach using peer-reviewed analysis. Our diverse membership and partnership network, which includes privately owned businesses from all aspects of the sustainable energy industry, public sector entities, community groups, co-operatives and First Nation communities, allows us to have a unique perspective that incorporates different viewpoints and considerations.

OSEA thanks the Ministry for its invitation to participate in the consultation on September 10, 2015.

OSEA wholly supports the concept of home energy rating and labelling and the Ministry's plan to phase in over a period of 5 years.

OSEA is not in favour of disclosure of utility bills as they are not as useful as ratings and labels for comparison purposes.

OSEA has no preference for which rating scheme is used, but would be concerned if multiple rating systems were to be used.

OSEA suggests that the Ministry take advantage of the expansion of home energy retrofit programs currently underway with the natural gas utilities and under development by the local electric distribution companies.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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