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microFIT Program update

The OPA wishes to advise that microFIT applications submitted by December 31, 2013 will remain active in the microFIT system in 2014, whether or not they have received an Application Approval Notice.

Fri, 12/20/2013

The microFIT Rules identify that these applications may be terminated but the OPA has decided to keep them active.

The latest [bi-weekly microFIT report](#), released on December 13, 2013, shows that there were approximately 16.8 MW remaining towards the current 30-MW procurement target. Any capacity remaining from this procurement target on December 31, 2013 will be added to the 2014 procurement target of 50 MW.

The OPA will announce the aggregated 2014 procurement target in the new year.

New FIT/microFIT price schedule available

As required by the April 5, 2012 and June 12, 2013 FIT directions, the OPA has posted an updated FIT/microFIT price schedule.
Please note that prices listed in the November 1, 2013, price schedule have not changed from the August 26, 2013 price schedule.
[View the new price schedule.](#)

Fri, 11/01/2013

The OPA is required to review the prices offered to generators under the FIT and microFIT programs on a regular basis to ensure both ratepayer value and a fair return on investment. The OPA thanks those who provided feedback during the recent price review.

This price schedule will apply to any new contracts that are issued on or after January 1, 2014. Applicants are reminded that their contract price will be based on the price schedule in effect at the time of their application approval.

The next price review is scheduled for fall of 2014 to be effective on January 1, 2015.

Changes to Domestic Content and New FIT/microFIT Price Schedule

On August 16, 2013, the Minister of Energy directed the OPA to make changes to the FIT and microFIT Programs, including changes to the domestic content rules applicable to new contracts. [View the Minister's letter of direction](#). The OPA has also reviewed and updated the FIT and microFIT price schedule. The OPA is required to review the prices offered to generators under the FIT and microFIT programs on a regular basis to ensure both ratepayer value and a fair return on investment. The [new price schedule is available](#) along with a [price comparison table](#). The new price schedule will come into effect on August 26, 2013. Fri, 08/16/2013

MicroFIT applicants are reminded that they will receive the price in effect at the time they are issued an application approval notice. Applicants that submitted under version 2.0 of the microFIT Rules that have not received an application approval notice before August 26, 2013 (when the price schedule comes into effect) will be subject to the new prices.

The new directive moves the FIT and microFIT programs toward compliance with the May 24, 2013 World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling by lowering the domestic content requirements for on-shore wind facilities and solar photovoltaic facilities. The domestic content requirements for new microFIT contracts are as follows:

- For solar photovoltaic, (PV) facilities utilizing crystalline silicon PV technology, the minimum domestic content levels shall be 22 per cent.
- For solar photovoltaic, (PV) facilities utilizing thin-film PV technology, the minimum required domestic content level shall be 28 per cent.
- For solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities utilizing concentrated PV technology the minimum required domestic content level shall be 19 per cent.

[See FAQs on these changes.](#)

microFIT program update: July 29, 2013

On January 29, 2013, the OPA announced the extension of the current microFIT Program application period until the 50 megawatt (MW) procurement target was reached. On July 26, 2013, the OPA reached the 50 MW procurement target.

Mon, 07/29/2013

The OPA has processed more than 5,300 eligible microFIT applications toward the 50 MW target. These applications have either obtained executed contracts or received application approval notices.

The application period is now closed. New applications are not being accepted. If your application's status has not been set to 'Pending LDC Offer to Connect', your application will be terminated (in accordance with Section 1.3 of the microFIT Rules). You are welcome to reapply when the program reopens.

As indicated in the June 12, 2013 Minister of Energy's direction, new applications will be accepted for a new 30 MW procurement target in the fall of 2013. The OPA will provide more details as soon as they are finalized.

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Current version 2.0 microFIT applicants who have been set to 'Pending LDC Offer to Connect' status are reminded that their contract price will be the price in effect when their application approval notice is issued. If microFIT prices are revised before an application approval notice is issued, the revised price will apply.



June 12, 2013: FIT Program Directive

The [June 12, 2013 FIT Program Directive](#) is available.

Thu, 06/13/2013

2013 Price Review

March 25, 2013: 2013 Price Review – Stakeholder Consultation

As directed by the Minister of Energy on April 5, 2012, the Ontario Power Authority is reviewing the FIT and microFIT pricing structure for 2013. The OPA is required to review the prices offered to generators under the FIT and microFIT programs on a regular basis to ensure both ratepayer value and a fair return on investment are achieved.

To help develop the 2013 pricing schedule, the OPA is asking key stakeholder organizations and associations, representing a wide membership from consumers, developers, generators and distributors, to complete a FIT Pricing questionnaire. Their responses will inform the 2013 price schedule.

The list of stakeholder organizations and associations that have been invited to provide feedback is [set out below](#). We encourage all interested stakeholders to work through their industry association to provide input. If your interests are not captured by any of the organizations listed, please contact the OPA at FIT@powerauthority.on.ca.

The OPA requested that stakeholder organizations and associations provide their feedback by **Wednesday, April 10, 2013**. The comment period is now closed. We thank you for your feedback.

Once the feedback has been considered, and the 2013 price schedule has been set, the OPA plans to host a webinar for all interested stakeholders to review the new price schedule. Details for the session will be made available once they have been finalized.

For information about current FIT prices, click here: <http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/program-resources/price-schedule>.

For more details about the FIT and microFIT programs, click here: <http://fit.powerauthority.on.ca/what-feed-tariff-program> and <http://microfit.powerauthority.on.ca/>, respectively.

List of Stakeholders

Generation Industry Groups

- Ontario Biogas Association
- Canadian Solar Industries Association
- Canadian Wind Energy Association
- Ontario Waterpower Association
- Association of Power Producers of Ontario

Ratepayer Groups

- Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario
- Energy Probe
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
- Low Income Energy Network

First Nation and Métis

- Chiefs of Ontario
- Métis Nation of Ontario

Community

- Ontario Sustainable Energy Association
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Community Power Fund

Other

Ontario Energy Association

Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation

Ontario Financing Authority

Electricity Distributors Association



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microFIT Program update: January 29, 2013

Tue, 01/29/2013

The OPA is continuing to process microFIT applications until the 50 MW procurement target is achieved. The current price schedule remains in effect. Applicants are reminded that their contract price will be the price in effect when their application approval notice is issued.

Please continue to check your My microFIT Home Page for updates to your application status.