

Notice of Force Majeure
(Market Rules for the Ontario Electricity Market)

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Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed in the Market Rules for the Ontario Electricity Market (the "Market Rules").

- This is a new Force Majeure event, start date: _____
- This is an update to an existing Force Majeure No.: <insert the Force Majeure #>
- This is a termination Notice, termination date: September 24, 2020

Date	September 24, 2020
Legal Name of Market Participant	Edgecom Energy Inc. (the "Participant")
Market Participant ID #	201123
Delivery Point	See Attached file- Connection Point: YOUNGDAVIDSONCTS-115.T123
Title of Force Majeure	COVID-19 Health and Safety Requierments

Pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 13.3 of the Market Rules, he FIT Contract, the Participant is hereby submitting this Notice of Force Majeure Event to the IESO. The Supplier agrees and consents that the IESO may disclose any information contained in this Notice of Force Majeure, related documentation to any Person for the purpose of assessing this Force Majeure claim, and may post the Notice of Force Majeure in accordance with Chapter 1, section 13.3.12 of the Market Rules.

The Participant represents and warrants that all of the information in this Notice of Force Majeure, including all documentation provided herewith, is complete, true and accurate, and there is no material information omitted from this Notice of Force Majeure that makes the information contained herein misleading or inaccurate.

Participant: Edgecom Energy Inc.
Signature: 
Name: Behdad Bahrami
Title: President
I have the authority to bind the Participant.
Dated this 24 day of September , 2020

1. Description of the events leading to Force Majeure Event.

Provide reasonably full particulars of the cause and timing of the events relating to the invoked Force Majeure. Also provide documentary evidence of the same, including without limitation, the following: newspaper articles, correspondence, emails, notes, reports, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing Force Majeure.

Yound Davidson Mine is a gold mine in Ontario. This mine has registered to provide 15 MW of Demand Response capacity into the market through Edgecom Energy. Due to COVID-19, this facility has changed its Health and Safety policies to implement social distancing requirements to address the current situation while continuing their operations. Health and safety policy to address the pandemic started on March 14, 2020. (Please Refere to the attached file for details)

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2. Effect of Force Majeure.

Provide reasonably full particulars of the effect of the Force Majeure on the Participants' ability to fulfill its obligations under the Market Rules. Also provide documentary evidence of the same, including without limitation, the following: reports, policy documents, correspondence, emails, notes, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing the effect of Force Majeure.

The COVID-19 pandemic is negatively affecting the mine's ability to effectively participate in Demand Response in multiple ways. The most important aspect impacting this facility's capability to offer their demand response capacity as planned is site access. The mine has large industrial elevators to transport workers in and out of the mine. In normal circumstances each elevator would carry 14 people, this has now been reduced to 5 people. With the regular elevator capacity workers can be evacuated from the mine in less than 2 hours. The curtailment strategy of the mine for participating in the DR program was to halt the operation during the activation window by evacuating employees out of the mine for the activation period. With the COVID-19 situation, a new policy has been implemented which allows for a maximum of 4 people per trip in each elevator. This evacuation issue has eliminated the ability for the mine to curtail load for the period of time required for Demand Response, curtailing their load would cause significant health and safety issues and potential loss of life, therefore the mine can no longer contribute to Demand Response as planned. Additionally, start and end times for the mine have been staggered to reduce crowding, this impacts baselines and the ability to curtail the load as planned. Crew work sizes and group meetings have also been reduced and eliminated, leading to slower ramp-up of load, and therefore impacting the baseline and curtailment ability. Due to the sites proximity to Quebec, many employees commute across the provincial border. Due to the large number of COVID-19 cases in Quebec, these employees have been restricted from the site, reducing available employees. All of the measures outlined above have led to reduced working hours per day and less productivity per day. Ultimately, this is affecting daily production targets, and timely completion of mine expansion construction. All the reasons outlined above are out of the scope of the mine's emergency plans and typical operating parameters and will impact the ability to participate in Demand Response.

3. Commercially Reasonable Efforts

Provide reasonably full particulars of efforts, if any, undertaken or contemplated by the Participant to remedy or mitigate the Force Majeure. Also provide documentary evidence of the Commercially Reasonable Efforts listed, including, without limitation, the following, as applicable: correspondence, emails, notes, memoranda and any other documentation relevant to establishing the efforts to remedy or mitigate the Force Majeure.

UPDATE - September 2020: The management of this mine has adjusted their infrastructure and working procedures to accommodate the COVID-19 pandemic requirements. They are back to full capacity (electricity consumption and demand) and are ready to provide 15MW of Demand Response according to the IESO Market Rules.

(Use separate attachments or extra pages, as necessary)