





## What is Standard 'A'?

The following Standard 'A' definition is to be applied to all remote/northern communities:

- 1. Standard 'A' rates are applicable to all accounts paid directly or indirectly out of Federal and/or Provincial government revenue.**

*Exceptions to these are:*

- *Canada Post Corporation*
- *Hydro One Inc. or any of its subsidiaries*
- *Social Housing*
- *Libraries*
- *NAPS Residence*
- *Recreational or sports facilities*
- *Radio, Television and Cable facilities*

- *The General Service rate applies to these accounts.*

*The rationale for making an exception for Crown Corporations is that they compete with private business. To place them on the Standard 'A' rate could be deemed to disadvantage their competitive position. Exceptions are accounts that are currently on the General Service rate and are to remain on the rate.*

- 2. Any Standard 'A' account may be reclassified as General Service, Residential Year-round or Residential-Seasonal at any time provided that:**
  - a letter from the accountable Federal and/or Provincial Government agency is provided to Hydro One stating that the account does not receive any direct and/or indirect funding of a continuous nature.
  - An alternative to this letter would be a declaration from a Director of the organization stating that the organization receives no funding. This declaration would be accompanied by an audited statement showing source of funds.

**An example of direct funding** is MTO accounts that are paid directly by MTO.

**An example of indirect funding** is First Nation School accounts that are paid by the First Nation through funding by INAC.

## Rate Protection (RP)

Under Section 79 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and associated Regulations, non-government customers within Remotes' service territory are eligible to receive Rate Protection (RP). Residential Year-round, Residential-Seasonal and General Service customers receive RP. Rates for these customers are set at levels equivalent to the rates applicable to customers of the Retail System connected to the grid. These rate classifications are defined in Hydro One Remote Communities' Conditions of Service, which have been filed with the Ontario Energy Board, and which are available from Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.