

## **Competition anticipated in residential sub-metering**

The Ministry of Energy is preparing draft regulations under Bill 21 (Energy Conservation Responsibility Act, 2006) to facilitate individual metering of condominium units, through local distribution companies or third party companies, all of whom would be licensed by the Ontario Energy Board. Regulations are expected to be released in mid-October. Under these regulations, it is anticipated that organizations licensed to provide sub-metering services can be contracted by landlords to install, own and operating metering and billing systems for electricity consumption in multi-dwelling buildings.

It is estimated that there are roughly about 2.6 million rental apartment suites, condominium suites and social housing suites in Ontario. Of those 2.6 million suites, only about 15% of the suites actually receive a monthly electricity bill. There are 1.35 million renter households in Ontario, representing 32 per cent of all households in the province.

The recently passed Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) allows landlords to install smart meters and require tenants to pay for their own electricity.

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