

# Pre-Authorized Debits (PAD) Agreement Form

Submission instructions are located at the end of this form.

Sign up for pre-authorized debits (automated payments) and your monthly payment will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account. There are two plans to choose from: Pre-Authorized Payments and Equal Monthly Payments.

\*indicates a mandatory field

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Account Number\*:

Bank Number\*:

#### **▼ 3 - BILLING METHOD**

I/We authorize Hydro Ottawa to debit my/our account indicated for the purpose of payment of my/our Hydro Ottawa account for an amount as indicated to me/us by Hydro Ottawa.

#### Choose a payment plan\*:

#### Pre-Authorized Payment

The amount due will be automatically deducted from your bank account on the due date each month.

or

#### Equal Monthly Payment Plan<sup>†</sup>

Equal monthly payments will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the due date. Recommended

#### Equal Monthly Payment Plan<sup>†</sup>

Equal monthly payments will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the 5th of the month.

<sup>†</sup> The Equal Monthly Payment Plan helps average out electricity payments over a longer period of time. The monthly payment will be based on your projected annual electricity use. The Equal Monthly Payment Plan is not available to customers signed with an electricity retailer.

As the Payor(s), you may revoke your authorization at any time by calling or providing written notice to Hydro Ottawa. Notice must be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the next withdrawal date or until Hydro Ottawa has confirmed termination of this PAD Agreement. To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information on your right to cancel a Pre-Authorized Debits Agreement, contact your financial institution or visit Payments.ca.

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this PAD Agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, contact your financial institution or visit Payments.ca

Through your acceptance of the **PAD Agreement Terms and Conditions**, you have waived your right to receive pre-notification of the amount of the PAD and agreed that you do not require advance notice of the amount of PAD before the debit is processed.

## **▼ FORM SUBMISSION**

Once completed, please submit your form to Hydro Ottawa using one of the methods listed below.

MAIL:

Hydro Ottawa, PO Box 8700, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3S4 Attn: Customer Service **EMAIL:** 

customerservice@hydroottawa.com

FAX:

613-738-6403

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Customer Service at 613-738-6400 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (Excluding statutory holidays)

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# Pre-Authorized Debits (PAD) Agreement Form Terms and Conditions

Please keep the Terms and Conditions for your records.

You (the "Payor") agree to comply with the following terms and conditions of this Pre-Authorized Debits ("PAD") Agreement in the payment, through the pre-authorized debit of your financial institution account, of any amounts owing to Hydro Ottawa Limited ("Hydro Ottawa", the "Payee", "we", or "us") on your Hydro Ottawa account.

# **▼ 1 - PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBITS AGREEMENT**

- (1) These Terms and Conditions and the documents specified below form part of and are incorporated into the PAD Agreement. If there is a discrepancy between the wording of these Terms and Conditions and the wording of any document appearing on the list, the wording of these Terms and Conditions shall prevail. If there is a discrepancy in the wording between any of the documents listed below, the wording of the document which appears first on the list shall prevail.
  - (i) Confirmation of pre-authorized debits
  - (ii) Pre-Authorized Debits Agreement (Payor Information)
  - (iii) Hydro Ottawa's Privacy Policy (available online at hydroottawa.com/privacy)
  - (iv) Hydro Ottawa's Conditions of Service (available online at hydroottawa.com/cos)
- (2) This PAD Agreement only applies to the method of payment between you and Hydro Ottawa. Neither this PAD Agreement (and any amendments thereto) nor its termination shall have any effect whatsoever on the contract for services between you and Hydro Ottawa.

#### 2 - PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

- (1) Personal information, including details about your financial institution is encrypted in order to prevent unauthorized individuals from viewing or changing your information.
- (2) Even with the very best protection policies and safeguard procedures in place, there is always the remote possibility of fraud. If you believe unauthorized use of your information has occurred, follow the reporting procedures defined by your financial institution and contact us immediately.
- (3) Hydro Ottawa is committed to protecting the privacy of our customers. Any personal data collected from you is used to:
  - Establish and provide ongoing service;
  - Verify identity and protect against error or fraud;
  - Manage invoicing and accounting services;
  - Monitor customer satisfaction with our programs and services;
  - Create aggregate information; and
  - Comply with legal and regulatory requirements.

You will have direct online access to review, update, correct or discontinue your personal profile at any time.

## ▼ 3 - ONLINE ACCOUNT

If you have an online account, your login information should be kept safe and secure. If you know or suspect a breach of security of your online account, such as unauthorized use, notify Hydro Ottawa immediately by email at customerservice@hydroottawa.com.

#### 4 - DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES

- (1) It is our general policy to treat your account information as confidential. However, we will disclose information to third parties about your account or the debits we make ONLY in the following situations:
  - (i) where it is necessary for completing the pre-authorized debits;
  - (ii) in order to verify the existence and condition of your account to a third party;
  - (iii) in order to comply with a governmental agency or court order; or
  - (iv) if you give us your written permission.
- (2) Hydro Ottawa has engaged a third party to assist with the administration of the pre-authorized agreements.

## 5 - AUTHORITY TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

- (1) You agree to provide Hydro Ottawa with your financial institution account information and authorize Hydro Ottawa to debit such an account in order to pay your Hydro Ottawa bill.
- (2) You agree to maintain balances sufficient to pay all bills, and agree that Hydro Ottawa is not liable for any overdraft, insufficient fund, or charge caused by your failure to maintain funds sufficient to pay all payments issued through Hydro Ottawa.
  - (i) If a payment is returned due to non-sufficient funds (NSF), the account will be charged a NSF fee and it will be subject to a late payment charge. The original payment, the NSF fee and the late payment charge will be debited on your next or subsequent withdrawal date. This is in addition to the next monthly payment which will also be debited at the same time.
- (3) You agree to promptly notify Hydro Ottawa in writing of any changes to the financial institution account information and grant authority for Hydro Ottawa to debit such an account.

#### 6 - JOINT ACCOUNTS

- (1) The provisions of this section apply if your designated financial institution account for pre-authorized debit is a joint account. We are not required to obtain the consent of, or notify, other joint account holders who are not customers of Hydro Ottawa.
- (2) Hydro Ottawa is not liable to other joint account holders for debiting the joint account in accordance with the terms of this PAD Agreement. You agree to indemnify us and hold us harmless from any and all liability (including, but not limited to, reasonable lawyer's fees and court costs) arising from any claim or action brought against us by other joint account holders for debiting the joint account.

# 7 - CANCELLATION

- (1) You may revoke your authorization at any time by calling or providing written notice to Hydro Ottawa. Notice must be provided at least ten (10) days prior to the next withdrawal date or until Hydro Ottawa has confirmed termination of this PAD Agreement.
- (2) Hydro Ottawa may cancel this PAD Agreement in accordance with our Conditions of Service, which are available at hydroottawa.com/cos.

#### **▼ 8 - RETURNED PAYMENTS**

- (1) A fee will be applied to your account for a returned payment due to non-sufficient funds (NSF).
- (2) You will be removed from pre-authorized debits should two or more returned payments occur within a 12 month period. If you are removed from the Equal Monthly Payment Plan, the full account balance is due on the due date indicated on your next bill.
- (3) You will be required to demonstrate 12 months of good payment history before re-applying for a pre-authorized debit plan.

#### 9 - CHANGE IN PAYOR'S DESIGNATED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACCOUNT

You shall provide written notice to Hydro Ottawa of any change to your designated financial institution account no later than ten (10) days prior to your next withdrawal date.

## 10 - WAIVER OF PRE-NOTIFICATION OF PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBITS (PAD)

ONCE YOU RECEIVE THE CONFIRMATION OF PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBITS LETTER, YOU AGREE TO WAIVE ANY FURTHER RIGHT TO RECEIVE PRE-NOTIFICATION OF THE AMOUNT OF EACH PAD AND YOU AGREE THAT YOU DO NOT REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE AMOUNT OF EACH PAD BEFORE THE DEBIT IS PROCESSED.

# **▼ 11 - PAYOR'S RECOURSE**

You have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this PAD Agreement. For example, you have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on your recourse rights, contact your financial institution or visit Payments.ca.

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