



Westario Power & County of Bruce Partnership

On September 30, 2015; the Westario Power Inc. Board of Directors unanimously approved the County of Bruce as its' new Social Service Agency partner for the deployment of the Corporation's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) funds. In addition, commencing in January 2016; Westario Power has committed to \$100,000 of funding over the next 4 years, which is twice the funding provided in previous years. While this program will be administered by the County of Bruce, it will be available to all customers in the 15 communities Westario Power serves including Bruce, Grey, Wellington and Huron Counties.

"It is important to Westario Power that we work with an agency that understands the needs of our customers and shares the same vision of assisting those in our communities that have difficulty paying their electricity charges and it is for that reason that Westario is pleased to announce this partnership with the County of Bruce. The increased funding approved today by our Board will further enhance this program, resulting, we hope in a longer period of availability." says President and CEO, Lisa Milne.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Westario Power Mark Kraemer adds "We are thrilled that Bruce County has agreed to partner with us and provide the administration of this program. They are already engaged in income support programs, have staff trained in dealing with this type of assistance and are centrally located in our service territory."

In addition to a long term funding strategy, Westario Power is committed to providing educational materials and tools that will provide individuals with information to better understand their bill and provide tips on how to control electricity costs. Details of these initiatives will be provided at a later date. Westario Power continues to offer a number of Conservation and Demand Management

programs to help customers reduce the amount of their electricity consumption, details of which can be found at www.westario.com.

Westario Power Inc. is a Local Distribution Company serving 23,000 customers in 15 communities within Bruce, Grey, Huron and Wellington Counties.

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