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# Bill 95

*(Chapter 1 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2017)*

## **An Act to amend the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998**

**The Hon. G. Thibeault**  
Minister of Energy

1st Reading	February 22, 2017
2nd Reading	February 22, 2017
3rd Reading	February 22, 2017
Royal Assent	February 22, 2017



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Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 (1) Subclause 44 (1) (b.1) (i) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* is repealed and the following substituted:**

- (i) stopping the distribution of gas to a property, including the manner in which and the time within which the distribution stops or is to stop, and, with respect to a low-volume consumer as defined in section 47, periods during which the distribution may not be stopped,

**(2) Section 44 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:**

**Conflict with *Public Utilities Act***

(4.1) In the event of a conflict between a rule of the Board made under subclause (1) (b.1) (i) and anything in section 59 of the *Public Utilities Act*, the rule of the Board prevails.

**2 (1) Sub-subclause 70 (2) (d) (ii.1) (A) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:**

- (A) the disconnection of the supply of electricity to a consumer, including the manner in which and the time within which the disconnection takes place or is to take place, and with respect to a low-volume consumer, periods during which the disconnection may not take place,

**(2) Section 70 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:**

**Conflict with *Electricity Act, 1998***

(8) In the event of a conflict between a licence condition referred to in sub-subclause (2) (d) (ii.1) (A) and anything in section 31 of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the licence condition prevails.

**Commencement**

**3 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**4 The short title of this Act is the *Protecting Vulnerable Energy Consumers Act, 2017*.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*This Explanatory Note was written as a reader's aid to Bill 95 and does not form part of the law. Bill 95 has been enacted as Chapter 1 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2017.*

***Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998***

The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* is amended to give the Ontario Energy Board the power to make rules and licence conditions respecting the periods during which gas or electricity may not be disconnected from low-volume consumers.