

## ATTENTION CUSTOMERS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION NOTICE

Effective June 2, 2021 the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) extended winter ban on electricity disconnections for non-payment of hydro bills by residential customers ended. Algoma Power Inc. (API) understands that this may still be a difficult time for our customers due to many unknowns with respect to returning to varying degrees of normal. We want you to feel confident that there are programs in place to support you; and our Customer Service Team is equipped to help work with you to find solutions. We will put our best foot forward to assist you where and when we can.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BALANCE OWING

Throughout the billing and collections cycle, API will use every effort available to notify customers of their current and or outstanding balance.

- Monthly Invoices are issued, indicating both current and past due balances.
- Automated Reminder Notice Phone Calls are issued when a balance is past due.
  - It is very important that you ensure we have your most current telephone contact info, please update us each time this changes.
- Automated Reminder Notice are issued by mail.
  - If API does not have a phone number on file, a letter may be issued to you.
  - It is important that you check with us to ensure we have your most current mailing info such as a PO Box or other important mailing info.
  - It is also important to check your mailbox on a regular basis if not located on your property.

## SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING

Receiving paperless bills is the best way to manage your bills and know your balance as soon as possible. We will advise you by email when your bill is ready in the Customer Service portal. Sign up today at: [Sign Up | FortisONTARIO \(cnpower.com\)](https://www.cnpower.com/sign-up).

## AVAILABLE ARREARS ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

**ARREARS PAYMENT AGREEMENT (APA)** – APAs are offered to you by API. They are set up to help manage the arrears on your account. When activated, it will spread the outstanding balance over several payments. These agreed upon payment dates will need to be made on time along with each month's new balance. If payments are received late the APA may deactivate and you may not be eligible to reenter into a new plan. To see if you qualify for an APA, please reach out to our customer service team directly.

**ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (OESP)** – OESP offers a monthly bill credit for eligible lower - income households. For more information or to see if you qualify, please visit: [www.ontarioelectricitysupport.ca](http://www.ontarioelectricitysupport.ca) or call: 1-855-831-8151.

**LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP)** – LEAP provides a one-time payment to assist eligible lower -income households that are at risk of power being disconnected for overdue balances. To determine your eligibility please reach out to the following intake agencies:

- United Way: Sault Ste. Marie – (705) 256-7476 x 222
- Ontario Native Welfare Administrator's Association – (705) 946-0559

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Customers are encouraged to call or email our customer service team directly to set up payment arrangements when needed.
- Customers are encouraged to seek support programs – multiple are referenced on the first page of this notice.
- API continues collection processes unless it is notified by its customer or a social agency of an acceptable payment arrangement.
- If required you may be asked to forward your confirmation of payments to [customerservice@algomapower.com](mailto:customerservice@algomapower.com)

**At this time our office remains closed to the public. Until the office is opened, the following payment methods are available:**

### Online Payments

- Set Algoma Power Inc. as a payee in your online banking portal and enter your account number from your monthly invoice as the payment destination. These payments are received within 1-2 business days from the bank. Please take the delay into account when paying to prevent any collections processes.

### Credit Card

- Call 1-855-288-2353 or visit Paymentus Online at: <https://ipn.paymentus.com/rotp/AGMP>
- API uses Paymentus for processing credit card payments. Payments are received and able to be posted within minutes of the transaction being scheduled. We review these payments each morning.
- *Please be aware that Paymentus does charge the payor a service fee of 1.75% per transaction.*

### Cheque by mail

- Cheques can be mailed to our office - 2 Sackville Rd, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 6J6

### Pre-Authorized Debit Plan

- By having your bill payments automatically deducted from your bank account each due date with the pre-authorized debit plan, you save time and never have to worry about your bill not being paid on time again!

## YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL OR EMAIL US

Our Customer Service Team is ready and available to answer any of your questions pertaining to your account by calling us at (705) 256-3850.

- We are available 8:00AM – 4:30PM, Monday through Friday (closed on public holidays).
- We can also be reached at [customerservice@algomapower.com](mailto:customerservice@algomapower.com) – this email is regularly monitored.