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## Distribution of your electricity costs

The laws for the Régie de l'énergie are clear... it is prohibited to a utility customer to resell electricity to someone else. On the other hand, the distribution of the cost of the electricity to tenants is legal if we respect the following criteria:

You must:

- Obtain a certificate of registration issued by Measurement Canada (free of charge)
- Buy equipment that is approved by Measurement Canada (meter and transformers)
- Have your meters sealed by giving it a identification number
- Have your equipments installed by an electrician

Utilities suggests including a cost distribution mechanism to the leasing agreement that will establish a quota of the Hydro invoice to be paid. This quota will be adjusted based on the data collected on your private meters. Therefore, these meters must be use ONLY as a reference and not directly for invoicing.

As for example, you cannot invoice your customer as follow:

500KWh X \$.07 : \$35.00. (\$.07 = cost per KWh by Utility)

You have to evaluate, in percentage, the consumption of your tenant.

As for example:

Utility invoice : 360 982 KWh total for present period  
Reading on private meter : 13 465 KWh for the same period

$13\,465 \text{ KWh (private)} \div 360\,982 \text{ KWh (Hydro)} = 0.04 \text{ or } 4\%$

You have the right to emit and invoice equivalent to 4% of the amount of your utility invoice including taxes and fees. You have the right to include a special clause to your lease contract in regards to additional fees in case of a peak caused by your customer.

Feel free to contact us for any additional information.

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