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1. PURPOSE

The following procedure will govern the provisions of services with *Regulation 191/11, "Integrated Accessibility Standards"* ("Regulation") under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

These standards are developed to break down barriers and increase accessibility for persons with disabilities in the areas of information and communications and employment.

Orillia Power Corporation is governed by this procedure as well as the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, in meeting the accessibility needs of person with disabilities.

2. SCOPE

This procedure applies to all employees of Orillia Power Corporation, Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and the Orillia Power Generation Corporation and their affiliates.

3. REFERENCES

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005
Integrated Accessibility Standards – Regulation 191/11

Early and Safety Return to Work Program
Individualized Emergency Evacuation Plan form
Performance Management Procedure

4. DEFINITIONS

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5. COMMITMENT

Orillia Power Corporation is committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence. We believe in integration and equal opportunity. We are committed to meeting the needs of person with disabilities in a timely manner, and will do so by preventing and removing barriers to accessibility and meeting accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

This procedure will be implemented in accordance with the time frames established by the Regulation.

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6. ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Orillia Power Corporation will develop, maintain and document an Accessibility Plan outlining the company's strategy to prevent and remove barriers from its workplace and to improve opportunities for person with disabilities.

The Accessibility Plan will be reviewed and updated at least once every five (5) years and will be posted on the company's website. Upon request, OPC will provide a copy of the Accessibility Plan in an accessible format.

7. TRAINING EMPLOYEES

OPC will ensure that training is provided on the requirements of the accessibility standards referred to in the Regulation and continue to provide training on the Human Rights Code as it pertains to person with disabilities to:

- All its employees and volunteers;
- All person who participate in developing OPC's policies and procedures; and,
- All other persons who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of the company.

The training will be appropriate to the duties of the employees, volunteers and other persons. Employees will be trained when changes are made to the accessibility procedure. New employees will be trained during orientation. OPC will keep a record of the training it provides.

8. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS

8.1 Feedback

OPC will continue to ensure that its process for receiving and responding to feedback is accessible to person with disabilities by providing or arranging for the provision of accessible formats and communications supports, upon request.

8.2 Accessible Formats and Communication Supports

Upon request, OPC will provide or will arrange for the provisions of accessible formats and communication supports for person with disabilities in a timely manner that takes into account the person's accessibility needs due to disability.

OPC will consult with the person making the request in determining the suitability of an accessible format or communication support. OPC will also notify the public about the availability of accessible formats and communication supports.

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8.3 Accessible Websites and Web Content

OPC will ensure that our Internet websites, including web content, conform to the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 at Level AA except where this is impracticable.

9. EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

9.1 Recruitment

OPC will notify its employees and the public about the availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment process.

OPC will notify job applicants when they are individually selected to participate further in an assessment or selection process that accommodations are available upon request in relation to the materials or processes to be used.

If a selected applicant requests an accommodation, OPC will consult with the applicant and provide or arrange for the provision of a suitable accommodation in a manner that takes into account the applicant’s accessibility needs due to disability.

When making offers of employment, OPC will notify the successful applicant of its procedures for accommodating employees with disabilities.

9.2 Informing Employees of Supports

OPC will continue to inform its employees of its procedures (and any updates to those procedures) used to support employees with disabilities, including procedures on the provision of job accommodations that take into account an employee’s accessibility needs due to disability. This information will be provided to new employees as soon as practicable after commencing employment.

9.3 Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for Employees

Upon the request of an employee with a disability, OPC will consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for information that is needed to perform his/her job, and information that is generally available to other employees. In determining the suitability of an accessible format or communication support, OPC will consult with the employee making the request.

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9.4 Workplace Emergency Response Information

OPC will provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability, if the disability is such that the individualized information is necessary, and if OPC is aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee’s disability. OPC will provide this information as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the need for accommodation.

Where the employee requires assistance, OPC will, with the consent of the employee, provide the workplace emergency response information to the person designated by OPC to provide assistance to the employee.

OPC will review the individualized workplace emergency response information when the employee moves to a different location in the organization, when the employee’s overall accommodations needs or plans are reviewed.


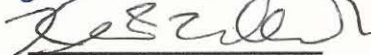
OPC will maintain a written process for the development of documented individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities. If requested, information regarding accessible formats and communication supports provided will also be included in individual accommodation plans. In addition, the plans will include individualized workplace emergency response information (where required), and will identify any other accommodation that is to be provided.

9.5 Return to Work Process

OPC maintains a documented return to work process for its employees who have been absent from work due to a disability and who require disability-related accommodations in order to return to work. The return to work process outlines the steps the company will take to facilitate the return to work and will include documented individual accommodation plans as part of the process. This return to work process will not replace or override any other return to work process created by or under any other statute (i.e. *Workplace Safety Insurance Act, 1997*).

9.6 Performance Management, Career Development and Advancement

OPC will take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when conducting performance management, providing career development and advancement to employees.

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