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Bulletin #4

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To: All Licensed Distributors and Retailers

Re: Electronic Business Transactions Standards

This bulletin is to inform all licensed electricity distributors and retailers and other participants in the Ontario retail electricity market of a change to the EBT Standards, to place lower limit restrictions on the number of transactions that are contained within a document.

Large numbers of very small documents and single documents containing very large numbers of transactions create processing and efficiency problems for the hubs and market participants. It is intended that market participants pack as many transactions as possible, up to a reasonable limit, into a single document before sending the document on to its intended recipient.

To that end, it has been decided to set a quantifiable lower limit to the number of transactions that can be packed into a document. If a trading partner sends over 100 PIPE documents per day to a given recipient, the mean daily average number of PIPE transactions per PIPE document must be greater than ten transactions per document. There are no limitations on trading partners sending less than this threshold per day.

These changes are authorized by the Ontario Energy Board and are effective immediately. They will be incorporated in the next release of the Standards.

Note that it is not expected that the system changes can be implemented immediately that all Ontario retail electricity market participants will begin work immediately to conform to this standard.