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To: All Regulated Utilities

All Other Interested Parties

Re: Issuance of Generic Hearings Protocol

Today, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Generic Hearings Protocol (Protocol) which outlines factors to be considered in deciding whether an issue should be considered in a generic hearing and decision-making in relation to the commencement of a generic hearing.

The Protocol is part of the OEB's broader commitment to transparency and to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the adjudicative process. It was identified as an initiative in the OEB's September 22, 2022 Action Plan in response to stakeholder comments on the Framework for Review of Intervenor Processes and Cost Awards.

I extend my thanks to the Adjudicative Modernization Committee for the feedback provided on the Protocol at their October 2022 meeting.

I look forward to working with the industry and other stakeholders as we work to further improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our adjudication. Any questions relating to the Protocol should be directed to Registrar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Lynne Anderson Chief Commissioner

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