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To: All Electricity Distribution Companies (“Distributors”)

Re: Other Filing Guidelines: Loss Factors, Retail Transmission Service Rates and Load Profile for Street Lighting

Distributors who are defined as transmission customers under the Board’s Decision RP-1999-0044 are required to file for Retail Transmission Service Rates in accordance with Chapter 11 of the *Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook* (issued on January 5, 2001) and the attached Filing Guidelines. These Guidelines are formatted as an additional section to Chapter 11 of the *Handbook* and should be inserted at the end of that Chapter. The Distributors affected are those who have at least one delivery point directly connected to the transmission system. They are required to file by **April 30, 2001**. Fully Embedded Distributors, i.e. Distributors, with **no** delivery points directly connected to the transmission system, are not required to file at this time.

For this submission, a Distributor should treat **all** its delivery points (including embedded points) as being directly connected to the transmission system and use the wholesale transmission rates in calculating its retail transmission service costs. Distributors should, therefore only apply Equations (11.1(a) and 11.1(b)) in Chapter 11 to determine their retail transmission costs for all delivery points (including embedded points) and not Equations (11.2(a) and 11.2(b)). This is different from the methodology set out in Section 11.3.2, and is intended to enable Distributors to derive initial rates so that Distributors with fully embedded delivery points can properly determine their rates in the next round of applications, using all relevant equations in Section 11.3.2. However, Distributors are still expected to maintain two separate cost pools for supply from the transmission system and from a host distributor, as set out in Chapter 11.3.2.2.

In their submission, Distributors are also required to file for certain loss factors which require Board approval prior to market opening. In determining these loss factors, Distributors should adhere to procedures set out in Section 3.2 of the Retail Settlement Code (RSC).

In addition, in accordance with Section 3.10 of the RSC, the Board requires, at this time, the load profile for the street lighting component of a Distributor’s operation.

The submissions should contain the information outlined in the attached Filing Guidelines. Since there are differences in supply system configuration amongst distribution companies, the Board will not be providing a model application/spreadsheet for this submission. However, a sample approach to the submission will be posted on the Board’s website under the “Non- Competitive Electricity Charges”, which is part of the “Electricity and Gas Rates” section.

A Host Distributor who is subject to the above filing requirements is required to identify all Embedded Distributors in its service area and to notify each Embedded Distributor of the rate applied for.

Fully Embedded Distributors are not required to file at this time and will be notified at a later time as to their filing date. A Distributor who comes under the definition of a transmission customer and who currently has a MAAD application before the Board should contact the Board, if the calculation of its Retail Transmission Service Rates will be affected by its MAAD application.

Distributors are required to provide four separate schedules, as set out in the attached Filing Guidelines. Each schedule should be clearly identified and separately presented. All filings to the Board must be in the form of **5 hard copies**.

Distributors requiring further information on the above filings should contact Suzanne Tong at 416-440-8106 (tongsu@oeb.gov.on.ca) or Mark Garner at 416-440-7627 (garnerma@oeb.gov.on.ca).

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Attachment: Filing Guidelines

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