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To: all interested stakeholders

Re: **Draft Chapter 11 of the Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook**

Staff is seeking comments on the draft of Chapter 11 of the Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook on *Other Regulated Charges*. The draft is posted on the Ontario Energy Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca under "What's New?"

Parties are invited to provide comments on all matters relating to specific paragraphs. In addition, parties are asked to comment specifically on the following issues:

- Clarity for ease of understanding and interpretation;
- Whether there is a need to establish a utility charge for the Retailer Consolidated Billing Option and if so, what charge would be appropriate;
- Whether there is a need to establish standard fees for the Service Transaction Requests and if so, if the proposed standard fees are appropriate;
- Whether there is a need to establish a fixed fee for a Service Agreement between a distributor and a retailer and if so; what fee would be appropriate;
- Under what circumstance should a distributor apply for an adjustment to the standard NCEC Rate (section 11.3.1);
- Whether the proposed mechanism of the Retail Settlement Variance Account ("RSVA") adequately addresses the requirements of the Retail Settlement Code;
- Whether the proposed mechanism of the RSVA adequately capture all variance arising from the retail settlement process.

Note: this draft does not include an estimate for the NCEC Rate. The Board will provide the NCEC Rate to be incorporated in section 11.3.1 at a later date.

With respect to the written comments to be provided, parties are asked to organize their comments to follow the Draft Chapter to the extent possible.

Written comments are to be forwarded by E-mail, regular mail or fax to Suzanne Tong by June 23, 2000 at:

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Any questions relating to the Draft Chapter are to be directed to Suzanne Tong (416-440-8106) or toll free at 1-888-632-6273.

Sincerely,

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