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To: Distributors, Utilities, Retailers and RP-1999-0040 Participants

**Re: Chapter 10 of Rate Handbook - Standard Supply Service and  
Amendment to the Standard Supply Service Code**

Enclosed please find a copy of Chapter 10 of the *Electricity Distribution Rate Handbook* ("Rate Handbook"). This Chapter covers the implementation of Standard Supply Service ("SSS"). Distributor utilities should insert this Chapter into their Rate Handbooks.

Also, please find attached a page with two amendments to the SSS Code concerning interval meters and the fixed price exemption guidelines.

Initial SSS Price Following Market Opening

The Board hereby sets an initial SSS fixed reference price of 4.2 cents per kilowatt-hour. The ceiling price applicable to third party SSS is hereby set at 5.1 cents per kilowatt-hour.

To provide an information base for determining the reference price for the first period following market opening, Board staff commissioned a pricing study of the Ontario electricity market. The study, as well as all other documents referred to in this letter are available on the Board's website at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca). Future period fixed reference prices will be determined by the Board as necessary and will be implemented as part of the rate adjustment process.

SSS Filing

Distributors shall file their proposal regarding SSS pricing on or before August 1, 2000. Information on SSS filing requirements is outlined in section 10.4.2. Distributors that have already filed for initial rates and have intervenors registered in accordance with the published Notice for Electricity Rate Change are reminded that they must notify intervenors that they have filed their SSS proposal and inform them as to how it may be viewed.

Yours truly,

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Attachment