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To all interested stakeholders:

Re: Preliminary Filing Requirements for Applications for Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations and Divestitures in the Electricity Sector

The Ontario Energy Board has approved the attached documents as filing requirements for applications under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 involving mergers, acquisitions, amalgamations and divestitures in the electricity sector.

Draft Filing Requirements were issued to the public on September 8, 1999 and a public consultation process followed including a workshop with interested stakeholders. Stakeholders then provided written comments which the Board considered in making revisions to the Filing Requirements. The Board approved the documents on January 19, 2000.

The package consists of two documents: Preliminary Filing Requirements for Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations, and Divestitures in the Ontario Electricity Transmission and Distribution Sector, and A Guide to the Preliminary Filing Requirements for Mergers, Acquisitions, Amalgamations, and Divestitures in the Ontario Electricity Transmission and Distribution Sector. The first document is a form that applicants must use to commence an application by filling in appropriate sections, and by attaching responses. The second document provides applicants with more information on how to complete the Filing Requirements.

All applications should be filed with the Board Secretary. Please provide six copies of all applications and send them to Board Secretary, 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2601, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4. Contact can also be made with the Board by phone, at (416) 481-1967 or toll free at 1-888-632-6273, by fax at (416) 440-7656, or by E-mail at boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca. Contact with the Board may also be made through its Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Paul B. Pudge **Board Secretary**