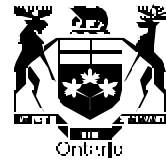


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TO: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

RE: Amendment to the Standard Supply Service Code (RP-1999-0040)

On August 29, 2001, the Board proposed an amendment to the Standard Supply Service Code, to remove one filing requirement relating to applications for exemption from the fixed reference price requirement. Section 2.5.3 of the Code states that “the price for electrical energy provided to small volume/residential consumers with a peak demand of 50 kW or less, under standard supply service, shall be a fixed price, subject to terms established by the Board. The rate for all consumers with interval meters shall be the spot market price”.

However, section 2.5.6 of the Code states that “in accordance with section 17.8 of its Distribution Licence, a distributor may make application to the Board for an exemption to the fixed reference price requirement for small consumers and replace it with the weighted average hourly spot market price”. Section 2.5.6 sets out the filing requirements that a distributor must fulfill in applying for an exemption to the fixed reference price requirement. Clause 2.5.6 (d) of the Code requires the distributor to provide the Board with a summary of consumer responses, noting the number of consumers opposed to the proposal.

In its letter of August 29, the Board informed distributors that it had assessed the applications for exemption received by that date and found that distributors reported very minimal customer opposition to their applications for exemption. Based on this response, the Board proposed amending section 2.5.6 of the Standard Supply Service Code. The Board provided the opportunity for parties to comment on the proposed amendment by September 7, 2001.

The Board has received no opposition to the proposed amendment and has therefore determined that clause 2.5.6(d) should be deleted. Distributors are, however, reminded that they must fulfill all other filing requirements contained in section 2.5.6 in applying for an exemption. The revised Code is available on the Board’s website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

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