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To all interested parties

**Guidelines for the Treatment of Confidential Filings
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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has prepared the attached Guidelines for the Treatment of Confidential Filings and requests comments from interested parties. The Guidelines are posted in the OEB's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca in the "What's New?" section.

The changed mandate of the OEB encompasses a greater number of regulated parties and involves new and/or augmented processes resulting in changes in the type and amount of information required by the Board. This first of two phases of guidelines addresses the need for clear and explicit treatment of Confidential filings in Proceedings before the Board or applications to the Director of Licensing. Phase II will deal with records retention and access.

Those interested, including regulated or licensed electricity or gas utilities, intervenors and other parties to OEB cases are invited to comment by January 29, 2001. Written comments should be sent to the Board Secretary via regular post or fax at 416-440-7656, clearly identified. For more information about the Guidelines, please contact:

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