



RP-2002-0146

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TO AMEND THE DISTRIBUTION  
SYSTEM CODE AND RETAIL SETTLEMENT CODE**

**CONSUMER SECURITY DEPOSIT POLICIES**

The Board is commencing a proceeding on its own motion, under section 74 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, in which it is proposing changes to the Distribution System Code (the "Code") to provide for rules with respect to the consumer security deposit policies of electricity distributors. Consequential changes to the Retail Settlement Code are also being proposed.

The purpose of the Code changes is to respond to concerns that have been raised by consumers, electricity distributors and stakeholder associations. A copy of the proposed changes may be found on the Board's web-site at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca).

The Code sets the minimum conditions that an electricity distributor must meet in carrying out its obligations to distribute electricity under its licence and the Electricity Act, 1998. All licensed electricity distributors in the province must comply with the provisions of this Code as a condition of licence.

The Board will not be granting cost awards in this proceeding.

**How to Participate**

The Board intends to proceed by way of a written hearing in this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in the written hearing with respect to the proposed licence amendment **must** file three (3) paper copies of the written submission, and an electronic copy, in WordPerfect or Word, with the Board Secretary at the address given below by **4:30 p.m. on July 10, 2003**. If possible, please also provide an electronic version in PDF format. The Board requests that the submissions focus on the proposed amendments and specifically reference the relevant proposed sections of the Code. Your submission must quote the file number **RP-2002-0146** and include your name, address, e-mail address and fax number.

If you object to the Board proceeding by way of a written hearing, please provide reasons for that

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objection as part of the written submission, and your objection will be considered by the Board.

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The written submissions received by the Board, with respect to the proposed code amendments, will be available for public inspection at the office of the Board during normal business hours and on the OEB web site under Consumer Security Deposits which is under Strategic Projects (Industry Relations).

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For further details on making submissions pursuant to this Notice of Proceeding or on the proposed amendments to the Codes, please refer to the "What's New" section of the Board's web-site at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca) or contact the Board Secretary at 1-888-632-6273.

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**IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING.**

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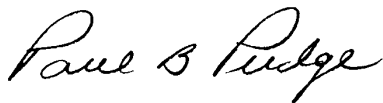
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**DATED** at Toronto, June 10, 2003

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