

RP-2004-0188 2 **IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Sched. B; 3 **AND IN THE MATTER OF** the preparation of handbook for electricity distribution rate applications. 4 PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 5 5 On July 6, 2004, the Board began the process of developing a 2006 electricity distributor rate handbook to be used by distributors to prepare their 2006 rate applications. The Board has assigned file number RP-2004-0188 to this process. 6 In Procedural Order No. 4 issued January 19, 2005, the Board set out the dates for the filing of written submissions on issues relating to the rate handbook, including issues discussed in the oral phase of the process, issues listed as alternatives in the draft handbook and any other issues participants wanted to raise, and the format to be used. 7 The oral phase of the process has extended beyond the preliminary schedule used to establish the filing dates outlined in Procedural Order No. 4. The Board has agreed to an extension to the initial filing of submissions to no later than 12 noon February 14, 2005. The filing of reply or response submissions and all other aspects detailed in Procedural Order No. 4 remain unchanged. All submissions filed will be posted, in a timely manner, on the Board's website www.oeb.gov.on.ca under 2006 Elec. Distribution Rates. The Board will post all submissions received on its website in a timely manner. 9 Further procedural orders may be issued from time to time. 10 THE BOARD ORDERS THAT: 11 1. Participants who wish to make written submissions on the draft rate handbook must file those submissions with the Board no later than 12 noon February 14, 2005. 12 2. Participants who wish to respond to the submissions filed must do so by way of written

submissions filed no later than 4:45 p.m. February 28, 2005.

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3. Participants filing submissions must provide eight hard copies and one electronic copy to the Board Secretary and one electronic copy to Keith Ritchie, Project Advisor by e-mail at Keith.Ritchie@oeb.gov.on.ca. Participants are asked to provide a PDF copy, as well as a word processed copy, of their submissions if possible. The Board's filing address is:

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