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**VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING**

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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

**Re: Survey for 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IR and Annual IR Index Rate Applications**

For distributors seeking rate adjustments effective May 1, 2014 under the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IR or the Annual IR Index application process, the Board will assign electricity distributors into one of five application groupings based on the expected level of complexity of the application. Applications of greater complexity require more time to review and will need to be filed first. Staggering of the applications allows the Board and other stakeholders to appropriately schedule resources to allow for adequate review of the applications.

To assist Board staff in advising the Board, all electricity distributors that are scheduled to file a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IR or Annual IR Index application for 2014 rates are requested to identify the selected rate-setting approach and whether one or more of the following elements are expected to be included in their IRM application (if applicable to their rate-setting selection).

- LRAM Variance account disposition;
- Prudence Review of Smart Meter Costs;
- Rate Harmonization pursuant to a prior Board decision;
- Z Factor claim;
- Incremental Capital Module claim;
- Renewable Generation Adder request; and
- Other (please specify).

Applicants expected to include one or more of the following elements in their application will be assigned an earlier filing date. Distributors filing under the Annual IR Index method will be placed in the last grouping.

The deadlines for filing a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IRM or an Annual IR Index application have been determined so that, in the normal course of events, a Decision and Order would be issued in time for a May 1 implementation date.

The application deadlines are as follows:

- Tranche 1: Friday August 30, 2013
- Tranche 2: Friday September 13, 2013
- Tranche 3: Friday September 27, 2013
- Tranche 4: Friday October 11, 2013
- Tranche 5: Friday October 25, 2013

The assignment of distributors under these filing dates will be identified in a separate communication.

The deadline for 4<sup>th</sup> Generation IR and Annual IR Index applications for rate adjustments effective January 1, 2014 is August 16, 2013.

Please complete the attached excel model “2014 IRM Application Survey” and submit the survey by no later than July 30, 2013. If you require further information please contact Birgit Armstrong at (416) 544-5162 or [birgit.armstrong@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:birgit.armstrong@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

Yours truly,

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