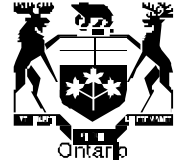


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January 29, 2009

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2007-0031**

**Re: Staff Discussion Paper on Rate Classification for Electricity Distribution Customers
Board File No.: EB-2007-0031**

The Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) has today released for comment a staff Discussion Paper proposing province-wide changes to electricity distribution rate classifications.

Stakeholders are welcome to comment on any issues raised in the paper. Stakeholder comments will be useful as Board staff further formulates policy proposals to be considered by the Board.

Invitation to Comment

Written comments on the Discussion Paper will assist Board staff in further development of a policy proposal. Participants should feel free to comment on all aspects of the Discussion Paper.

Cost Awards

Maximum Hours Eligible for Cost Awards

As indicated in the Board’s March 30, 2007 letter, cost awards will be available to eligible persons in relation to their participation in this consultation under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Board has decided to make cost awards available in relation to the provision of written comments on the staff Discussion Paper, up to a maximum of 30 hours.

Instructions on Filing Material with the Board

Interested parties wishing to provide written comments on the staff Discussion Paper must file their comments with the Board by **March 5, 2009**.

Two (2) paper copies of each filing must be provided, and should be sent to:

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The Board requests that interested parties make every effort to provide electronic copies of their filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, and to submit their filings through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca. A user ID is required to submit documents through the Board's web portal. If you do not have a user ID, please visit the "e-filing services" webpage on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca, and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, interested parties are requested to follow the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the "e-filing services" webpage. If the Board's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by email at boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca.

Those that do not have internet access should provide a CD or diskette containing their filing in PDF format.

Filing to the Board must be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required date. They must quote file number EB-2007-0031 and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

This Notice, including the attached proposed amendments to the RSC, and all written submissions received by the Board in response to this Notice, will be available for public viewing on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca and at the office of the Board during normal business hours.

Any questions related to the project should be directed to Laurie Reid at 416-440-7623 or by e-mail at: laurie.reid@oeb.gov.on.ca.

The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary