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**To: All Licensed Electricity Transmitters  
The Ontario Power Authority  
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Transmission Project Development Planning  
Board File Number: EB-2010-0059**

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Today, the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) issued its policy entitled “Framework for Transmission Project Development Plans”. A copy of the policy is available from the Board’s website at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca).

As a consequence of the passage of the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 (“GEA”), there has been enormous interest in connecting renewable generation to both distribution and transmission systems.

This document sets out the policy of the Board for a framework for new transmission investment in Ontario, in particular with regard to transmission project development planning. The policy describes how project development planning will work in conjunction with existing Board processes for licensed transmitters.

This policy is the end result of a consultation on facilitation of the timely and cost effective development of major transmission facilities that may be required to connect renewable generation in Ontario. The goal is the implementation of a process that provides, among other things, greater regulatory predictability in relation to cost recovery for development work. The Board believes that this policy will:

- help transmitters to move ahead on development work in a timely manner;
- encourage new entrants to transmission in Ontario bringing additional resources for project development; and
- support competition in transmission in Ontario to drive economic efficiency for the benefit of ratepayers.

The framework includes a set of filing requirements for transmission companies preparing transmission development plans. These filing requirements will apply until the Board has more experience with the implementation of transmission development planning.

The issuance of this policy completes the consultation process which began in December, 2009. The Board will address the issue of cost awards for this consultation by separate correspondence to be issued shortly.

All documents related to this consultation are available for public inspection on the "[Transmission Project Development Planning](#)" web page of the Board's website and at the office of the Board during normal business hours.

Please contact the Market Operations hotline at 416-440-7604 or by e-mail at [market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca) with any questions. The Ontario Energy Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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