September 25, 2013

To: Electricity Distributor Regulatory Staff

Re: Workshops on Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity (RRFE) Implementation

As you are aware, the Board issued its Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors in October 2012. Since that time the Board has, with stakeholder input and consultations, been implementing the RRFE through policy changes, new filing requirements and code amendments. To assist distributors as they prepare applications and undertake new activities in relation to the outcomes and policy direction in the RRFE, the OEB is planning a series of workshops during October and November. The workshops will be focused on key elements of the RRFE, in particular the planning elements:

- Distribution System Planning
- Regional Infrastructure Planning
- Smart Grid

We hope these workshops will provide practical information to help distributors prepare and implement their new responsibilities. These workshops will provide an opportunity for LDC staff directly responsible for implementing the various elements of the RRFE to engage with OEB staff on specific details.

Dates and Locations:

The meetings are scheduled for the following cities and dates:

- Kingston – Monday, October 21
- Ottawa – Wednesday, October 23
- Toronto – Friday, October 25
- Thunder Bay – Monday, October 28
- Niagara Falls – Tuesday, November 5
- London – Wednesday, November 6

The agenda and registration form with specific locations are included as attachments to this letter.
We look forward to your participation in the workshops as an opportunity to get answers to your questions about the RRFE and how it will affect your utility. To facilitate preparation, we encourage participants to submit questions in advance of the workshop. Presenters will do their best to respond to the pre-filed questions as well as take any new questions during their sessions.

We ask that anyone planning to attend please provide a completed registration form. The deadline for submitting a pre-filed question and registration form is by Friday, October 11, 2013 to karen.cormier@ontarioenergyboard.ca so that we may ensure appropriate arrangements for space and lunches at each workshop. This information will also be posted at: http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory%20Proceedings/Policy%20Initiatives%20and%20Consultations/Renewed%20Regulatory%20Framework/RRFE%20Workshops

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the workshops, please contact Karen Cormier, Sr. Advisor Stakeholder Relations at 416-440-7657 or at karen.cormier@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Please note that there is no charge to attend the session. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on each day. The arrangement and costs for travel and accommodations will be the responsibility of the participant.

Yours truly,

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