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## VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

September 6, 2013

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2010-0379  
All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: **Issuance of Draft Report of the Board  
Empirical Work in Support of Incentive Rate Setting in Ontario for  
Electricity Distributors  
Board File No.: EB-2010-0379**

On August 23, 2013, the Board issued a letter notifying interested participants of a stakeholder conference that will be held on September 11, 2013 in relation to empirical work in support of incentive rate setting in Ontario for electricity distributors. The Board also indicated in that letter that that it would release its draft report and provide further guidance to stakeholders on the conference.

Today, the Board posted on its website its draft "Report of the Board on Empirical Research to Support Incentive Rate-setting for Ontario's Electricity Distributors". This report sets out the Board's proposed policies and approach to the rate adjustment parameters for incentive rate setting for electricity distributors and the benchmarking of electricity distributor total cost performance. This is a draft report for the purposes of consultation. The Board is interested in further hearing the views of stakeholders before finalizing the approach to the methodology for incentive regulation for the period 2014 to 2018.

The Board has also posted on its website a report prepared by Board staff's expert consultant, Dr. Lawrence Kaufmann of Pacific Economics Group Research, LLC, entitled "Empirical Research in Support of Incentive Rate-Setting: 2012 Update". This report is referenced in the Board's draft report.

### **September 11, 2013 Stakeholder Conference**

The stakeholder conference will take place in the Board's North Hearing Room, 25<sup>th</sup> floor, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto. The conference will be broadcast over the web to allow remote participation and will be transcribed. The conference is expected to run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Instructions on how to register for the conference and convey intent to present are set out in the Board's August 23, 2013 letter.

The Board asks that presentations made at the conference respond to the policies set out in the Board's draft report. Participants that intend to make a presentation at the stakeholder conference are asked to e-mail copies of the presentation to [RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca) by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2013**.

### **Written Comment and Cost Awards**

Subsequent to the Stakeholder Conference, interested stakeholders are invited to file written comments with the Board on the Board's draft report and on PEG's report by **September 25, 2013**, in accordance with the filing instructions set out in Attachment A. A final Board report will be issued following consideration of comments received.

Cost awards will be available to participants that have previously been found eligible in relation to this consultation process for the preparation of written comments on the Board's draft report, to a maximum of 10 hours.

If you have any questions regarding this consultation, please contact Lisa Brickenden at 416-440-8113, or by e-mail at [RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca). The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

Attachments: A - Filing Instructions

## ATTACHMENT A

To Letter Dated September 6, 2013

### Filing Instructions

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

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The Board requests that stakeholders 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 <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, quoting the file number **EB-2010-0379**. 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-filings services" webpage on the Board's website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca), and fill out a user ID password request. Additionally, stakeholders 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 e-mail at [boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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

Filings to the Board must be received by the Board Secretary by **4:45 p.m.** on the required date. They must quote the applicable file number (**EB-2010-0379**) and include your name, address, telephone number and, where available, your e-mail address and fax number.

All materials related to this consultation will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and on the Board's website ([www.ontarioenergyboard.ca](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca)).

If the filing is from a private citizen (i.e., not a lawyer representing a client, not a consultant representing a client or organization, not an individual in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and not an individual from a regulated entity), before making the filing available for viewing at the Board's offices or placing the filing on the Board's website, the Board will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the filing (i.e., the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the filing will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.