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October 22, 2015

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors All Licensed Electricity Transmitters All Other Interested Parties

Re: Amendments to the Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements (RRR) for Licensed Electricity Distributors

This notice sets out the results of a review conducted by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on the reporting requirements for electricity distributors to streamline and achieve greater efficiency for distributors and the OEB. The review ensured that the Electricity RRR continues to support the OEB to effectively discharge its public interest and consumer protection mandate, and facilitates the OEB's continued monitoring of electricity distributor financial viability.

The review resulted in recommendations to implement changes to the OEB *Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements* (RRR) that will reduce the annual volume of data reporting requirements for electricity distributors by approximately 20% at this time. The changes described below are effective for quarterly Q4 2015 reporting (due on February 28, 2016) and annual reporting for 2015 (due on April 30, 2016). The OEB will continue monitoring the RRR for regulated entities and identify any other RRR areas where there can be a reduction in the amount of RRR data reported to the OEB in an effort to streamline RRR and reduce regulatory burden.

Quarterly Reporting Eliminated

The following quarterly reporting requirements will be eliminated effective Q4 2015:

 RRR 2.1.1 – Reporting on Deferral and Variance accounts – Non-Commodity accounts. Reporting of non-commodity accounts are only required annually in the RRR 2.1.7 Trial Balance filing. The requirement for reporting of commodity accounts (1588 and 1589) in RRR 2.1.1 quarterly filing will continue.

• **RRR 2.1.2 g – Time of Use Implementation**. This reporting section will be eliminated from the RRR 2.1.2 quarterly filing.

Annual Reporting Eliminated

The following annual reporting requirements will be eliminated with immediate effect.

- RRR 2.1.5.1 Line Crew Wage Rate
 - a) Average Line Crew Wage Rate
 - b) New Line Crew Wage Rate
 - c) New Line Crew Wage Rate effective date

• RRR 2.1.5.5 – Utility Characteristics

f) Circuit Kilometers of Line (route Km), broken down by 3 phase, 2 phase, and single phase

g) Number of Distribution and Transmission Stations in total, broken down by greater than or equal to 50 kV and less than 50 kV, and the number of transformers at each Station, broken down by those that are greater than or equal to 50 kV and those that are less than 50 kV.

• RRR 2.1.11 – List of retailers with service agreements and indication for billing option other than distributor-consolidated billing.

Annual Reporting Moved to Record-Keeping

The following annual reporting requirement will be moved to the record-keeping section of the Electricity RRR document with immediate effect:

• **RRR 2.1.10** – Information on affiliate arrangements and transactions.

Revised Document

A revised version of the Electricity RRR document is attached, including the changes described above. The Electricity RRR document with amendments shown in track changes is also attached.

All inquiries regarding amendments to the RRR for licensed electricity distributors must be forwarded to <u>IndustryRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> or 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario).

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Attachments: Attachment A: Electricity RRR dated October 22, 2015, as amended Attachment B: Electricity RRR document with tracked changes (for information purposes only)