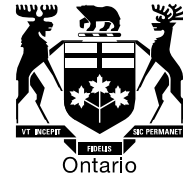


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To: Licensed Electricity Distributors
Licensed Electricity Transmitters

Re: Update to Chapters 4 and 5 of the Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications

Attached is an update of Chapter 4 of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Transmission and Distribution Applications* (the "Filing Requirements"). The contents of the previous Chapter 5 are now incorporated into the revised Chapter 4.

Chapter 4 provides an outline of the Filing Requirements information that the Board expects electricity transmitters (both licensed and unlicensed) to file for Leave to Construct applications per Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The updates to Chapter 4 of the Filing Requirements which have been made this year reflect changes to accommodate developments in the past 5 years. These include changes in legislation (for example with respect to confidentiality), and changes in energy programs (for example the feed in tariff program) which can lead to the requirement for a Leave to Construct. Furthermore, the Filing Requirements have been revised to rationalize, reformat and consolidate the material from the previous Chapters 4 and 5. These amendments do not reflect a change in the Board's policies or practices with respect to Leave to Construct applications but are intended to streamline the application process by making the Board's expectations clear on what constitutes a complete application.

The material to be presented is the applicant's evidence and the onus is on the applicant to prove the need for the project to proceed. A clearly written application that demonstrates the need for the project, and complete with sufficient evidence and

justification for each component of the project, is essential to facilitate a fair and efficient evaluation for both proponents and affected parties.

Please contact the Market Operations hotline at 416-440-7604 or by e-mail at market.operations@ontarioenergyboard.ca with any questions. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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