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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

All Other Interested Parties

Re: Amendments to Section 2.1.14 of the Electricity Reporting and Record

**Keeping Requirements** 

The OEB is amending section 2.1.14 of the *Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping* requirements (RRR) and adding section 2.1.14.1 to the RRR. Section 2.1.14 of the RRR requires electricity distributors to provide information on net metering and embedded generation. These changes are being made as a result of recent amendments Ontario Regulation 541/05 – Net Metering that:

- remove the 500 kW limit on the output capacity of the equipment used to generate electricity that the generator intends to return to the distributor; and
- permit the use of a storage device in a net metering arrangement.

The amendments to section 2.1.14 of the RRR and the addition of section 2.1.14.1 to the RRR are set out in Attachment A. Since electricity from storage devices is now allowed to be included in net metering, the OEB is adding a requirement to section 2.1.14 to report on the capacity (in kW) of storage where used for net metering. This information will be used to track the total installed capacity of renewable energy generation and storage facilities used for net metering.

The OEB also wishes to track a distributor's annual maximum peak load which is used to calculate the cumulative generation capacity from net metered generators (as described in section 6.7.2 of the Distribution System Code). Accordingly, section 2.1.14.1 is being added to the RRR to require distributors to file their annual maximum peak load for their licensed service area for the previous three years.

The RRR Filing Guide and RRR 2.1.14 input form will be revised to reflect these amendments.

## **Effective Date and Due Date for Reporting**

The amendments to the RRR are effective as of today's date. The first reporting of section 2.1.14 and 2.1.14.1 of the RRR will be due on April 30, 2018 (for the 2017 annual reporting period).

Any inquiries regarding the amendments to the RRR should be forwarded to <a href="mailto:lndustryRelations@oeb.ca">lndustryRelations@oeb.ca</a> or 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario).

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Attach: Attachment A: RRR Amendments

## Attachment A

## Amendments to the Electricity Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements

Note: The text of the amendments is set out in italics below, for ease of identification only.

- 1. Section 2.1.14 is revoked and replaced with the following:
- **2.1.14** A distributor shall provide in the form and manner required by the Board, annually, by April 30, the following net metering and embedded generation information for the preceding calendar year:
  - a) Number of net metered generators (as defined in section 6.7.1 of the Distribution System Code) by renewable energy source;
  - b) Total installed capacity (kW) of net metered generators by renewable energy source;
  - c) Total installed capacity (kW) of storage devices used by net metered generators by renewable energy source;
  - d) Number of embedded generation facilities connected to the distributor's distribution system, excluding those counted in (a) above; and
  - e) Total installed capacity (kW) of the embedded generators referred to in (d) above.
- 2. Section 2.1 is amended to add in the following section after section 2.1.14:
- **2.1.14.1** A distributor shall provide in the form and manner required by the Board, annually, by April 30, the annual maximum peak load (kW) for the distributor's licensed service area that is used to calculate the distributor's maximum "cumulative generation capacity from net metered generators" (as described in section 6.7.2 of the Distribution System Code). The information provided must be for the preceding three calendar years.