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

**Re: Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations  
and Filing Requirements For Consolidation Applications**

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Today the OEB has posted on its [website](#), a Handbook to provide guidance to applicants and stakeholders on applications to the OEB for approval of electricity distributor and transmitter consolidations. The Handbook also discusses the rate-making policies associated with consolidations and sets out the timing of when such matters will be considered by the OEB.

The OEB is committed to reducing regulatory barriers to consolidation. In order to facilitate both a thorough and timely review of requests for approval of transactions, in this Handbook the OEB provides guidance on the process for review of an application, the information the OEB expects to receive in support, and the approach it will take in assessing the merits of the consolidation in meeting the public interest.

To assist applicants, the OEB has developed Filing Requirements included as Appendices to this Handbook which set out the information that needs to be provided in an application.

In order to appropriately track enquiries to the OEB, any questions relating to the Handbook should be directed to [IndustryRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:IndustryRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca) or by calling the OEB on 1-877-632-2727 (toll-free within Ontario) or 416-314-2455 (within Greater Toronto Area or from outside Canada).

Yours truly,

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