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

**Re: Guidelines for Regulatory and Accounting Treatments for Distributor-
Owned Generation Facilities
Board File No.: G-2009-0300**

The Board is issuing guidelines (see attachment) that contain the Board's guidance to electricity distributors in relation to an amendment to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) that allows distributors to own and operate generation facilities. The amendment came into effect when the relevant provisions of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009* ("Green Energy Act") came into force on September 9, 2009. The Guidelines are also available from the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. Under the OEB Act and subject to meeting criteria prescribed by regulations, electricity distributors are allowed to own and operate renewable energy generation that does not exceed 10 megawatts, combined power and thermal (heat) energy generation and energy storage facilities.

The purpose of these guidelines is to describe the ownership scenarios potentially available to electricity distributors for distributor-owned generation facilities and to set out the regulatory and accounting requirements applicable to each scenario. Please direct any questions regarding these Guidelines to the Market Operations Hotline at 416-440-7604 or market.operations@oeb.gov.on.ca. The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Attachment: Guidelines for Regulatory and Accounting Treatments for Distributor-
Owned Generation Facilities (G-2009-0300)