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## **VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING**

July 25, 2013

- To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
- Re: Reporting Requirements in Relation to the Board's Determination Under Section 1.2.1 of the Standard Supply Service Code to Mandate Time-of-Use Pricing for Regulated Price Plan Customers Board File No. EB-2010-0218

In a <u>letter</u> issued on August 13, 2010 the Board established a reporting requirement in relation to the implementation of time-of-use ("TOU") pricing for eligible Regulated Price Plan ("RPP") consumers. Accordingly, since September 2010 distributors have been providing monthly updates on the status of TOU implementation ("Smart Meter/TOU Implementation Reports"). On February 1, 2012, the Board issued a <u>letter</u> (the "February letter") that provided instructions as to when and how distributors who had implemented TOU for at least 98% of their eligible RPP customers may cease filing Smart Meter/TOU Implementation Reports.

As of June 2013, almost all distributors have completed, or nearly completed, implementation of TOU pricing for eligible customers, with about 4.4 million customers on TOU in total. In accordance with the February letter, very few distributors are still submitting these reports. Furthermore, the main information collected in the Smart Meter/TOU Implementation Reports (that is, the number of customers being billed TOU prices) is now captured in section 2.1.2 of the Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements for Electricity ("RRR").

The original purpose of the Smart Meter/TOU Implementation Reports was to enable the Board to monitor distributors' progress as they implement TOU pricing. Since the majority of distributors have implemented TOU for their eligible RPP customers and since the Board now has another means of monitoring progress in this area, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to end this reporting requirement. Therefore, effective immediately all distributors are no longer required to file monthly Smart Meter/TOU Implementation Reports. The Board will continue to monitor the progress of the distributors that have not yet implemented TOU pricing for more than 98% of their eligible RPP customers using the information filed in accordance with the RRR as well as, where applicable, through distributor-specific reporting requirements established in Board decisions on distributors' applications to extend the date by which they must complete TOU implementation.

On a related note, on September 7, 2010 the Board issued a letter that established a monthly reporting requirement for the Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (the "SME") complementary to the reporting requirement imposed on the electricity distributors in August 2010. Initially, the SME's monthly reports to the Board focused on distributor enrollment with Meter Data Management and Repository ("MDM/R"), a necessary step to implement TOU pricing. In a letter related to this one, issued on July 25, 2013, the Board modified the SME's reporting requirement to reduce the frequency and change the focus to the ongoing operations of the MDM/R which provides critical services to distributors.

Questions about this letter should be directed to the Market Operations Hotline at <u>market.operations@ontarioenergyboard.ca.</u> The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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