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To: Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors
Intervenors in all 2022 Cost of Service Proceedings for Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: 2023 Cost of Service Filing Requirements

Today, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued an updated version of its *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications* (Filing Requirements) in advance of the filing of applications for 2023 rates.

As part of its path to modernization and its work on finding process improvements to increase value for Ontario's energy consumers, the OEB launched an initiative on [April 15, 2021](#), to find efficiencies in the rate application process for smaller rate-regulated electricity distributors. With the assistance of a stakeholder working group, that effort resulted in the OEB issuing updated filing requirements for small electricity distributors (those with fewer than 30,000 customers) on [December 16, 2021](#).

Since then, the OEB has determined that many of the improvements made for small distributors are appropriate for large distributors (30,000 customers or more) as well. The OEB has also conducted its annual review of the filing requirements to aid in the processing of 2023 cost of service applications for both small and large distributors, as discussed in its letter of [February 22, 2022](#).

As a result, the OEB is issuing consolidated Filing Requirements documents that apply to both small and large distributors. The December 16, 2021 requirements will continue to apply to small distributors (subject to certain minor updates), but now reside within the same document as the filing requirements for large distributors. Chapters 2a and 5a that applied only to small distributors are now superseded by the consolidated version.

The OEB has established a working group to review the filing expectations for large distributors, and the OEB anticipates this work will result in updated filing requirements for 2024 rates¹.

The following are changes that have been made since the December 16, 2021, issuance of Chapters 1, 2a, and 5a of the Filing Requirements.

Chapter 1

- Expanded details on the incomplete letter
- Highlighted updates to the Practice Direction on Confidential Filings
- Moved Certification of deferral and variance accounts to Chapter 1

Chapter 2

- Distinguished certain requirements between small distributors and large distributors
- Added considerations for impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Updated requirements for Conservation and Demand Management and Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account
- Updated requirements to load profiles and demand allocators
- Removed the 1595 workform: an explanation for large residuals is still required

Chapter 5

- Updated requirements for CDM activities
- Added requirements on Capital Planning to Support Telecommunications Projects

Versions of all models to Chapter 2, including the cost of service checklist, will be posted shortly.

The OEB will provide an overview of Chapters 1, 2, and 5 at the 2023 Cost of Service Filing Requirements webinar (Orientation Session). This will be held on April 22, 2022, targeted at all distributors filing for 2023 cost of service rates.

Filing Requirements for 2024 rates

As noted above, the OEB has established a working group to review filing requirements for larger distributors making applications for 2024 rates. The working group's objective will be to cover the topics outlined in the February 22 letter, and ultimately update

¹ EB-2022-0096

Chapters 2 and 5 of the Filing Requirements along with associated models and Appendices.

Yours truly,

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