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**TO: All Licensed and Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors
All Natural Gas Distributors
All Other Interested Parties**

RE: OEB Data Transparency Initiatives

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) continues to seek out opportunities to make data more accessible and transparent to both consumers and industry stakeholders. Accordingly, I am pleased to provide an update on two important initiatives that have been taking place at the OEB that further enhance data accessibility and promote transparency.

Every year electricity and natural gas distributors file their RRRs to the OEB, and every year a subset of the information filed has traditionally been published in the form of yearbooks which help to inform consumers and the sector about utility performance. In recent years, stakeholders began to request access to more non-confidential data, and in a format that allowed for deeper, more customized analysis.

In response, the OEB launched its Open Data initiative in September 2022. The information shared through this initiative provides valuable insights into the operations of each electricity distributor, including the number and types of customers they serve, consumption data, support programs available, and financials.

Augmenting the Open Data platform is the OEB's [Interactive Dashboard](#), launched earlier this year. The Dashboard provides consumers and industry stakeholders alike with a clear line of sight to better understand and visualize industry trends and local distributor reliability performance in a way that can be customized to meet their personal preferences. It also provides industry stakeholders with a quick and easy benchmarking tool to compare the performance of local distribution companies (LDCs).

Working together, Open Data and the Dashboard are advancing data accessibility and transparency further than was ever available through the Yearbooks. As such, the OEB is releasing an updated set of Open Data files, that include the following enhancements:

Release of Major Event Response Reporting Dataset for Electricity Distributors

In addition to updating the Open Data files available for electricity distributors with an additional year of data, **the OEB is also pleased to announce the release of the RRR 2.1.4.2.10 Major Event Response Reporting dataset.** This data will enable a detailed understanding and comprehensive evaluation of the performance exhibited by electricity distributors in response to Major Events.

While distributors are mandated to publish this information on their respective websites after each Major Event, this dataset serves as a centralized repository that allows users to access aggregated information from all reporting distributors.

Transition of Natural Gas Distributor Yearbooks to Open Data

Following last year's successful transition of annual Electricity Distributor Yearbooks to an Open Data format, **the OEB is pleased to announce that it has transitioned Natural Gas Distributor Yearbooks to Open Data** as well. Subsets of Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (RRR) data, for both electricity and natural gas distributors, can now be accessed through the OEB's [Open Data platform](#).

For individuals seeking guidance on how to work with XML files, we recommend referring to our [Open Data Guide](#). This comprehensive resource provides a detailed walkthrough on how to import XML files into Microsoft Excel.

For any questions relating to this letter, please contact the Performance Analytics & Reporting team at performance_reporting@oeb.ca.

Sincerely,

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