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To: Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors

Re: Process for 2022 Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism Distribution Rate Applications

This letter sets out the filing dates for those electricity distributors that are scheduled to file an incentive rate-setting application for 2022 rates.

Under the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) process, base rates for electricity distributors are adjusted by a mechanism that is based on an inflation factor less a productivity or X-Factor. The formula includes an industry-specific inflation factor and two factors for productivity. One productivity factor is a fixed amount for industry wide productivity and the other is a stretch factor, which is set each year based on the level of productivity the electricity distributor has achieved. The OEB will establish the final inflation factor and stretch factor to apply to distributors for the 2022 rate year in due course. The rate generator model will initially include rate-setting parameters from the 2021 rate year as a placeholder. OEB staff will adjust the model once updated parameters for 2022 are available.

The OEB posted the IRM rate generator model on July 13, 2021. The OEB will convene a webinar for interested stakeholders to provide certain updates to the supporting information that may be required to be filed with an IRM application on July 20, 2021.

This letter sets out four filing dates for distributors. The application filing deadlines for each group were determined so that, in the normal course, the OEB could process a large number of applications, and a decision on each application could be issued in time for a January 1 or May 1 implementation date. The OEB expects 50 IRM applications to be filed for 2022 rates, representing 48 distributors.

The application groupings are as follows:

Tranche	Application Filing Deadline	No. of Applications
1	August 18, 2021	22
2	October 13, 2021	10
3	November 3, 2021	11
4	November 24, 2021	7
	Total Number of Applications	50

Tranche 1 is for those distributors applying for a January 1, 2022 effective date for electricity rates. Applications for rates effective May 1, 2022 have been assigned to one of three later filing dates based on the expected level of complexity of the application, as reflected in distributors' responses to a survey conducted in spring 2021. The attached table lists the assignment of electricity distributors to each of the tranches.

If a distributor in Tranche 3 or 4 contemplates a material increase in the complexity of its application relative to the information it provided in the survey, it should advise the OEB and is encouraged to file as part of Tranche 2.

The OEB expects applicants to submit all filings with the OEB by 4:45 pm on the applicable filing deadline.

Any questions related to this process may be sent to Birgit Armstrong at birgit.armstrong@oeb.ca or (416) 544-5162.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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Att: Filing Deadlines - List of Electricity Distributors by Tranche

Attachment to Letter Dated July 16, 2021

Filing Deadlines

List of Electricity Distributors by Tranche

Company	EB Number	Tranche	Filing Deadline
Alectra Utilities Corporation	EB-2021-0005	1	18-Aug-21
Algoma Power Inc.	EB-2021-0006	1	18-Aug-21
Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.	EB-2021-0012	1	18-Aug-21
Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.	EB-2021-0014	1	18-Aug-21
Elexicon Energy Inc.	EB-2021-0015	1	18-Aug-21
Energy+ Inc.	EB-2021-0018	1	18-Aug-21
Entegrus Powerlines Inc.	EB-2021-0017	1	18-Aug-21
EnWin Utilities Ltd.	EB-2021-0019	1	18-Aug-21
Festival Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0024	1	18-Aug-21
Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.	EB-2021-0031	1	18-Aug-21
Hydro One Networks Inc. - Norfolk, Woodstock, Haldimand	EB-2021-0033	1	18-Aug-21
Innpower Corporation	EB-2021-0036	1	18-Aug-21
Kingston Hydro Corporation	EB-2021-0037	1	18-Aug-21
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	EB-2021-0043	1	18-Aug-21
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0045	1	18-Aug-21
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	EB-2021-0048	1	18-Aug-21
Hydro One Networks Inc. - Orillia	EB-2021-0050	1	18-Aug-21
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.	EB-2021-0051	1	18-Aug-21
Hydro One Networks Inc. - Peterborough	EB-2021-0053	1	18-Aug-21
Renfrew Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0055	1	18-Aug-21
Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0062	1	18-Aug-21
Westario Power Inc.	EB-2021-0065	1	18-Aug-21
Atikokan Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0007	2	13-Oct-21
Burlington Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0010	2	13-Oct-21
Fort Frances Power Corporation	EB-2021-0025	2	13-Oct-21
Halton Hills Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0028	2	13-Oct-21
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0038	2	13-Oct-21
Lakeland Power Distribution Limited	EB-2021-0040	2	13-Oct-21
Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	EB-2021-0042	2	13-Oct-21
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.	EB-2021-0044	2	13-Oct-21
Orangeville Hydro Limited	EB-2021-0049	2	13-Oct-21

Wasaga Distribution Inc.	EB-2021-0061	2	13-Oct-21
Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation	EB-2021-0008	3	3-Nov-21
Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation	EB-2021-0013	3	3-Nov-21
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.	EB-2021-0020	3	3-Nov-21
ERTH Power Corporation	EB-2021-0021	3	3-Nov-21
Essex Powerlines Corporation	EB-2021-0023	3	3-Nov-21
Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	EB-2021-0029	3	3-Nov-21
Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	EB-2021-0034	3	3-Nov-21
North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	EB-2021-0046	3	3-Nov-21
Synergy North Corporation	EB-2021-0058	3	3-Nov-21
Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	EB-2021-0063	3	3-Nov-21
Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0026	3	3-Nov-21
Wellington North Power Inc.	EB-2021-0064	4	24-Nov-21
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation	EB-2021-0022	4	24-Nov-21
Hydro 2000 Inc.	EB-2021-0030	4	24-Nov-21
Northern Ontario Wires Inc.	EB-2021-0047	4	24-Nov-21
PUC Distribution Inc.	EB-2021-0054	4	24-Nov-21
Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0057	4	24-Nov-21
Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.	EB-2021-0059	4	24-Nov-21