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**TO: All Electricity Distributors
All Natural Gas Distributors**

RE: Updated Template for Reporting on Green Button Implementation

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) continues to facilitate the implementation of Green Button in Ontario in a manner that protects the public, supports innovation in the energy sector, and delivers value to consumers. Accordingly, the OEB is updating the template for the Green Button Implementation Distributor Progress Report (Report) that was introduced in February 2, 2022. The Report is used to monitor electricity and natural gas distributors' (distributors) progress towards meeting the requirements set out in the [Ontario Regulation 633/21](#) (Green Button Regulation).

In addition, this letter provides an update on implementation progress based on Reports received to date.

Updated Report Template

The Report template is updated to provide more detailed information about the status of distributor implementation plans as November 1, 2023, the date for Green Button implementation under the Green Button Regulation, nears. The updates reflect a need for more specificity at this stage of implementation in relation to the timing of distributor certification and Green Button go-live dates.

The updated Report template is available [here](#).

Distributors who have not confirmed in a report to the OEB its full implementation of Green Button are required to use the updated Report template for the remaining reporting periods:

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023	February 28, 2023
February 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023	May 31, 2023
May 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023	August 31, 2023
August 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023	November 30, 2023

As noted previously in the OEB's letter of February 2, 2022, the requirement to file a Report with the OEB remains until the distributor has confirmed implementation of the requirements set out in the Green Button Regulation.

In addition to the quarterly reporting, distributors are requested to notify the OEB once they have implemented Green Button consistent with the Green Button Regulation by emailing GBQuarterlyReport@oeb.ca. This will help OEB staff track implementation dates that occur mid-reporting period. Once distributors have notified the OEB of Green Button implementation they are no longer required to submit the quarterly reports.

To help to ensure public awareness of Green Button availability across the province, OEB staff intends to publish a list of distributors who have provided notice that they have implemented Green Button on the OEB's website during 2023. Please note that information contained in the Reports may also be used to keep the Ministry of Energy updated on implementation plans.

Progress Towards Green Button Implementation

OEB staff's guidance on Green Button implementation was issued [November 1, 2021](#). OEB staff has not been made aware of any further areas of guidance distributors require to be able to implement Green Button by November 1, 2023. This view is supported by the fact that a number of distributors have already confirmed full implementation and other distributors are demonstrating good progress towards implementing Green Button by the November 1, 2023 deadline.

The Green Button Regulation requires all distributors' implementation of Green Button to be certified by the Green Button Alliance (GBA). The GBA also offers pre-certification testing options to distributors and their vendors who may wish to assess their readiness prior to the certification process. Distributors are advised to check with their vendors and/or GBA in relation to these pre-certification testing options and to contact GBA to confirm testing dates and to ensure that subsequent go-live dates are met.

Some distributors have advised via their Reports that they intend to implement Green Button in November 2023 or calendar Q4 2023. The OEB reminds distributors that the requirements in the Green Button Regulation must be implemented by November 1, 2023.

OEB staff is following up with those distributors that appear at risk of not meeting the deadline. If a distributor has not completed implementation of Green Button by the deadline, and has not been granted an extension to the implementation timeline by the OEB, compliance activity may be initiated.

Completed Reports

Distributors should email their completed Report, using the updated Report template, for the period **November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023**, to GBQuarterlyReport@oeb.ca by **February 28, 2023**.

Any questions relating to the updated Report template should be directed to IndustryRelations@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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