

BY EMAIL

February 1, 2024

To: All Regulated Entities

All Intervenors

**All Other Interested Parties** 

Re: Adoption of Amendments to Rules 28 and 32 of the Rules of Practice and

**Procedure** 

As part of ongoing efforts to review adjudicative processes, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has today posted amendments to Rules 28 and 32 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (Rules). The amendments provide greater clarity regarding the OEB's general approach to establishing and amending issues lists for a proceeding.

The OEB's <u>Action Plan on the Framework for Review of Intervenor Processes</u> (Action Plan) included a medium-term project focused on reviewing the issues list process. These amendments complete the work of this project. Developed with input from the OEB's <u>Adjudicative Modernization Committee</u>, and informed by experience in hearings, the amendments to the Rules are <u>effective for applications filed on or after February 1, 2024</u>.

The OEB received its Letter of Direction from the Minister of Energy on November 29, 2023. The Letter of Direction encouraged the OEB, among other things, to continue its work reviewing the current intervenor processes and to identify opportunities to improve regulatory efficiency. This work is consistent with that direction.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to <a href="Registrar@oeb.ca">Registrar@oeb.ca</a>. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

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Yours truly,

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