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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Rate-Regulated Gas Distributors
All Licensed Transmitters
All Licensed Gas Marketers
All Licensed Electricity Retailers
All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers
Independent Electricity System Operator
Ontario Power Generation
All Intervenors
All Other Interested Parties

Re: New Application Form for Applications under Section 57.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for Temporary Licence Exemptions to Facilitate Innovation

Earlier this year, section 57.1 was added to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which enables the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to grant exemptions from the requirement to be licensed as an electricity distributor, retailer, wholesaler, unit sub-meter provider or gas marketer for a pilot or demonstration project that furthers its statutory objective to facilitate innovation in the electricity sector. Effective January 1, 2024, those who are granted a temporary licence exemption by the OEB will also be exempt from certain additional provisions.¹

The OEB is introducing a licence exemption application form. The new form is available on the OEB's Applications webpage. Those seeking an exemption must submit an application that includes project details, the licence exemption being sought and other relevant information. There is no application fee.

¹ See [related amendments](#) to O. Reg. 161/99 (Definitions and Exemptions) under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, O. Reg. 160/99 (Definitions and Exemptions) under the *Electricity Act, 1998*, and O. Reg. 389/10 (General) under the *Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010*, which come into force on January 1, 2024.

In planning for your licence exemption application, we ask that you consider the application processing timeline of 90 days. Applications should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address.

Any questions should be directed to IndustryRelations@oeb.ca, or by phone at 1-877-632-2727.

Yours truly,

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