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To: Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Stakeholders

**Re: Updated Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications,
Chapter 3**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has issued updated *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications, Chapter 3* (Filing Requirements) to guide and assist distributors in filing their 2026 rate applications. Key updates to the Filing Requirements are highlighted below.

Electricity Distribution Retail Transmission Service Rates

The OEB released its final [report](#) on the design of the Electric Vehicle Charging Rate (EVC Rate) on March 31, 2025. The EVC Rate aims to support the efficient integration of electric vehicles (EVs) in Ontario and responds to the Minister of Energy and Mines' direction for the OEB to consider rate design options for EV charging. The EVC Rate reduces the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) paid by participating EV charging stations, aligning the RTSRs that they pay with the transmission system costs incurred to serve them.

This is implemented through an EVC Rate parameter and a new set of rates for each General Service rate class between 50 kW and 4,999 kW. Distributors are expected to apportion the load of these rate classes into load that services qualifying charging facilities and all other loads.

Further details on this update and guidance for distributors preparing an application can be found in Section 3.2.4 of the Filing Requirements.

Additional Updates

Other updates to the Filing Requirements include:

- Section 3.1.2 adds new language requiring distributors to include an “OEB Approval(s) Requested” table that summarizes all requests and approvals being sought in the application. Appendix A provides a sample of this table.
- Revisions to Section 3.2.6.1 incorporate the latest version of the Accounting Guidance resulting from the Independent Electricity System Operator’s (IESO) Market Renewal Program.
- Updates to Section 3.2.6.1 reflect the renaming of the ‘GA Analysis Workform’ to the ‘Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform’.
- Additional guidance in Section 3.2.6.1 outlines the two-year limitation period for certain IESO settlements and the information distributors must provide if requesting an exception.

The OEB will post the Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism Model for the 2026 rate year in July 2025. The Benchmarking Spreadsheet Forecasting Model will be posted in due course. The OEB will publish both on the [2026 Electricity Distribution Rate Applications webpage](#).

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to the OEB at IndustryRelations@oeb.ca. Please include “2026 Chapter 3 Filing Requirements” in the subject line.

Yours truly,

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