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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Net Metering Consultation
Board File No.: EB-2017-0200**

Ontario's net metering regulation [Ontario Regulation 541/05 – Net Metering](#) will be amended, effective July 1, 2017. To ensure the [Distribution System Code](#) (DSC) requirements for net metering are consistent with the amended regulation, the OEB is also issuing a [Notice of Amendment](#).

The OEB expects this amended regulation to increase consumers' interest in net metering, which in turn will raise a number of implementation matters. The OEB is initiating a policy consultation to explore and better understand these implementation matters, and determine best next steps including whether further modifications to its codes or policies would be appropriate.

Net Metering Consultation – Objectives and Approach

The consultation will look at how best to:

- improve the availability of information on net metering
- improve process efficiency by 'standardizing' net metering applications and agreements
- enhance how net metering activity is tracked via the OEB's *Reporting and Record-Keeping Requirements* (RRR)

- modify the DSC in relation to the maximum cumulative generating capacity from net metered generators
- manage and recover distributor administrative costs related to net metering.

The consultation will proceed in two stages. The first stage will focus on collecting the information OEB staff needs about the subject areas listed above. To facilitate this stage, we will be establishing a Net Metering Working Group comprised of stakeholder members selected by the OEB. Information on the Net Metering Working Group, including membership and a meeting schedule will be provided on the OEB's [consultation web page](#).

In the second stage, the OEB will use the information gathered through the Net Metering Working Group to determine possible next steps in the net metering consultation. Such steps may include amendments to the OEB's regulatory documents, such as the RRR, to facilitate net metering.

Stakeholders and interested parties will be notified of future steps in the consultation. Questions should be directed to Stephen Cain at (416) 440-8144 or by e-mail at stephen.cain@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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