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To: All Regulated Entities Other Interested Parties

Re: Decision Issuance Pilot

As we continue to move through our modernization journey, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) remains committed to providing an effective and efficient adjudicative process that renders decisions in a timely manner. To this end, we are pleased to announce the launch of a pilot initiative that will see final decisions and final rate orders issued twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning in April. There will be no change to our current practice of issuing other documents such as notices, procedural orders, interlocutory decisions (e.g., confidentiality, issues lists), compliance matters and other correspondence on any business day.

Since 2012, the OEB has been issuing its final decisions and final rate orders weekly, on Thursdays only. Moving to a biweekly format is expected to add additional flexibility, while continuing to maintain certainty and consistency to an established practice. If a final decision relates to a publicly traded entity, it will continue to be issued on a Tuesday or Thursday after the markets close at 4 p.m., EST.

Focused on becoming a top quartile regulator, the OEB will continue to look for opportunities to improve processes through evidence-based outcomes. Accordingly, once sufficient time has passed to measure the effectiveness of this pilot, we will determine its feasibility moving forward.

Please direct any questions you may have to the registrar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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