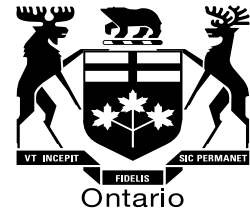


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To: The Parties to EB-2017-0290

**Re: Independent Electricity System Operator / Smart Metering Entity
Smart Metering Charge 2018-2022
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Procedural Order No. 1 stated the following:

*OEB staff or any intervenor that wishes to file evidence shall notify the OEB by **January 5, 2018**, and shall include a description of the intended scope of the evidence and an estimate of any incremental costs including assumptions regarding the participation of any expert(s) and any incremental costs associated with time spent by counsel or any other consultant(s) in relation to the evidence. The OEB may re-schedule subsequent case steps to allow for the filing of evidence.*

On January 5, 2018, Niagara On-The-Lake (NOTL) notified the OEB that it wished to file evidence.

The OEB will allow NOTL to file the evidence, provided that it does so, with a copy served on all other parties, by **January 10, 2018**.

Once the evidence has been reviewed, the OEB will determine if subsequent case steps will be re-scheduled.

At this stage, Parties should be prepared for the Settlement Conference to proceed on **January 16, 2018**, as set out in Procedural Order No. 1.

If you have any questions, please contact the Case Manager, Michael Bell at Michael.Bell@oeb.ca or 416-440-7688, or OEB Counsel, Ian Richler, at Ian.Richler@oeb.ca or 416-440-7676.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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