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To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors and Transmitters and All Rate-Regulated Natural Gas Distributors
All Participants in EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288
All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: **Utility Remuneration and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources
Board File Numbers: EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288**

In September 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) held a stakeholder meeting to receive input on the objectives, issues and guiding principles for the Utility Remuneration and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) initiatives.

The invitation letter for the September stakeholder meeting indicated staff would prepare a report describing the input received and setting out staff's proposals. The letter also indicated stakeholders would be invited to comment on staff's report.

In light of the volume and diversity of stakeholder views, the OEB has decided to provide an additional opportunity for dialogue between staff and stakeholders. OEB staff has prepared a presentation that reports on the input received and sets out its current thinking on scope, including objectives, issues and guiding principles for each initiative. The OEB is inviting interested parties to a stakeholder meeting where OEB staff will:

- summarize input from stakeholder presentations, comments made during the September stakeholder meeting and written comments received
- outline and seek input on staff's current thinking for the scope of each initiative

The OEB is taking this approach to provide an opportunity for participants to hear directly from staff, ask questions, and engage with one another before they submit written comments.

Stakeholder Meeting Details

The stakeholder meeting will be held on **February 20, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** It will take place in the OEB's North Hearing Room, 25th floor, 2300 Yonge St., Toronto. The meeting will be webcast to allow remote participation. Meeting details will be sent to registered participants before the meeting date.

Stakeholders who intend to participate in the meeting are asked to email notice of their intention to SectorEvolution@oeb.ca by **February 14, 2020**. Emails should include "EB-2018-0287/0288 February Stakeholder Meeting Attendance" in the subject line and provide the following information:

- Participant name and contact information
- Organization name
- Whether the participant intends to attend in person or by webcast

An agenda, along with OEB staff's presentation, will be provided to registered participants at least one week in advance of the meeting. The meeting will be transcribed. All materials related to this meeting will be posted on the OEB's website.

Invitation to Submit Written Comments

Following the meeting, stakeholders are invited to comment on OEB staff's preliminary proposals for each initiative. All interested stakeholders are welcome to submit written comments by **March 20, 2020**. Filing instructions are included in Attachment A.

Cost Awards

Costs will be available to those participants who have been determined by the OEB to be eligible, as follows:

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Max. Number of Hours
Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on the stakeholder meeting (for eligible participants and/or their consultants)	Actual meeting time + 4 hours
Written comments on staff's proposals	10 hours

Any questions relating to the Utility Remuneration initiative (EB-2018-0287) should be directed to Lenore Robson at Lenore.Robson@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8141.

Any questions related to the Responding to DERs initiative (EB-2018-0288) should be directed to Rachel Anderson at Rachel.Anderson@oeb.ca or at 416-544-5150.

The OEB's toll-free number is 1-877-632-2727.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary

Attachment A: Filing Instructions

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Parties must submit electronic copies of filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format through the OEB's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice. Parties will need a user ID to make filings through the OEB's web portal. If a party does not have a user ID, visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca and fill out a user ID password request.

Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the OEB's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by email to boardsec@oeb.ca. Those who do not have internet access are required to file two (2) paper copies to the Board Secretary at the following address:

Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
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P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700
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All filings to the OEB must be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required date. Filings must quote the applicable file number(s)¹ and include a party's name, address, telephone number and, where available, an email address and fax number. All filings received by the OEB in relation to this consultation will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website.

¹ Utility Remuneration (EB-2018-0287); Responding to DERs (EB-2018-0288)