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VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

February 22, 2013

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Stakeholders in EB-2010-0379

**Re: Webinar to Discuss Business Conditions in relation to the Empirical Work in Total Cost Benchmarking
Defining & Measuring Performance of Electricity Distributors (EB-2010-0379)**

On October 18, 2012, the Board issued its Report of the Board entitled “A Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance Based Approach.” A copy of the Report is available on the Board’s website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca.

As part of the Renewed Regulatory Framework, the Board has determined that total cost benchmarking will be used to assess distributor performance. This empirical work relies on quantified business conditions that may influence (or impact) a distributor’s total costs. The business conditions under which a distributor operates will drive costs – some conditions are strong cost drivers; other conditions are relatively weaker cost drivers.

Board staff and members of the Performance and Benchmarking Working Group would like feedback from stakeholders on a preliminary list of business conditions. Therefore, stakeholders are invited to a Webinar on Business Conditions to be held on:

Date: March 1, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon

This Webinar is being held as part of a Performance and Benchmarking Working Group meeting and will be hosted by staff and Dr. Lawrence Kaufmann of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC, staff’s technical expert.

The Webinar will focus on business conditions that may influence (or impact) a distributor’s total costs. The Webinar is intended to provide stakeholders with an

opportunity to review the preliminary list of business conditions and suggest any additional business conditions that may influence (or impact) a distributor's total costs.

How to Participate & Registration

Stakeholders that intend to participate in the Webinar are asked to e-mail notice of their intention to RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca by **February 28, 2013 including in the subject line "EB-2010-0379 Stakeholder Webinar Participation"**.

Instructions on how to participate in, and materials for the Webinar will be posted on the Board's Regulatory Calendar and on the "[Defining and Measuring Performance of Electricity Transmitters and Distributors \(EB-2010-0379\)](#)" page of the Board's website (www.ontarioenergyboard.ca) on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available (up to two hours) to each eligible participant that participants in the two-hour Webinar.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation process, please contact Board staff by e-mail at RRF@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

The Board's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273, and the Market Operations Hotline is 416-440-7604.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

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