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TO: All participants in the Ontario Energy Board's Wireless Attachment

Consultation, Board File No. EB-2014-0365

RE: Proceeding on the Ontario Energy Board's own motion under section 19(4)

of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter on July 30, 2015 summarizing the comments received from stakeholders in a consultation (EB-2014-0365). The consultation related to a proposal by the OEB to amend rate-regulated electricity distributor licences to allow market rates to be charged for wireless pole attachments. The comments received from stakeholders during the consultation were of great assistance to the OEB. It was stated in the letter that the OEB would initiate a proceeding on its own motion to amend rate-regulated distributor licences.

The OEB has now commenced a proceeding on its own motion under section 19(4) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (OEB Act) to amend the licenses of rate-regulated electricity distributors in order to permit them to charge market rates for wireless pole attachments. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2016-0015 to this proceeding. The proceeding will be decided, without a hearing, by the OEB's Vice President, Industry Operations & Performance, who has been delegated this authority pursuant to section 6 of the OEB Act.

Please direct any questions relating to this matter to Irina Kuznetsova, Advisor at +1 (416) 440-8138 or e-mail, Irina.Kuznetsova@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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