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**TO: All Rate Regulated Natural Gas Distributors  
All Interested Parties**

**RE: Filing Requirements for Natural Gas Distributor Rate Applications  
OEB File No. EB-2016-0033**

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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is updating its filing requirements for natural gas rates applications. The updated filing requirements will incorporate the key principles as described in the *Report of the Board Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach* < [RRFE Report](#) >.

The filing requirements will be framed within the RRFE's outcomes-based approach to regulation and will include benchmarking, performance monitoring, asset management, planning, and customer engagement. The available rate-setting methodologies will include the custom incentive rate-setting option and the price cap incentive rate-setting option.

In terms of timing, the OEB expects the filing requirements will be issued with sufficient lead time to allow natural gas distributors to prepare applications for 2019 rates. The OEB intends to seek input and feedback prior to finalizing the filing requirements.

The OEB will issue further details on the filing requirements in the coming months.

Yours truly,

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