

June 9, 2016

Attn: Kirsten Walli,
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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**Re: OEB consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Pensions and Other Post- Employment
Benefit Costs OEB File No. EB-2015-0040**

Dear Ms. Walli:

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) is interested in participating and presenting at the OEB Stakeholder Forum on July 19, 2016 regarding the OEB consultation on the regulatory treatment of pensions and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) costs. The EDA is interested in ensuring that the regulatory treatment for OPEB costs will fairly track costs and recognize that distributors have different levels of OPEB costs.

The EDA's Finance Council Chair, David Smelsky, Chief Financial Officer at Halton Hills Hydro, will be presenting on behalf of the EDA. The presentation will provide an overview of current practices by EDA members and address the issues list for this consultation. Because the vast majority of distributors in Ontario have pensions provided by OMERS, the primary focus of our submission will be the treatment of OPEB costs.

EDA staff will also attend the session and possibly also a consultant. For scheduling purposes, we suggest allotting about 20 minutes for the presentation. EDA staff consulted with the Finance Council and found no issues with the proposed draft issues list.

The EDA looks forward to participating in the July 19 stakeholder session.

Regards,



Teresa Sarkesian,
President & CEO