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BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

January 16, 2017

All Licensed Electricity Retailers To:

All Licensed Gas Marketers

All Applicants with a Pending Application for a New Electricity Retailer

Licence or a New Gas Marketer Licence

RE: **Meeting to Discuss Online Verification**

OEB File No.: EB-2015-0268

In the December 1, 2016 Notice of Amendments in relation to the above-captioned consultation, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) indicated it would work towards the development of new regulatory requirements to support online verification.

In the Notice, the OEB indicated that it is considering proposals received from energy retailers for an online verification process, and what approach might be optimal in terms of new regulatory requirements to enable online verification while ensuring that consumers remain protected.

Based on the input received and the proposals put forward by energy retailers, OEB staff has developed a proposed process and associated requirements for an online process. OEB staff is inviting interested energy retailers to participate in a meeting to discuss the approach staff has developed to, in particular, understand if there are information technology issues raised in the proposed process. This meeting would assist OEB staff's development of a recommended process.

The meeting date, time, and location are as follows:

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Ontario Energy Board

ADR Room.

25th floor, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto

The meeting will be accessible by conference call to allow remote participation. Detailed instructions on how to participate remotely will be sent to all registered participants before the date noted above.

Interested participants wishing to attend the meeting are asked to register by e-mail to lou.mustillo@ontarioenergyboard.ca with a copy to BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca by **4:30 p.m. January 19, 2017**. Please include "Meeting re Online Verification; EB-2015-0268" in the subject line of your e-mail and provide the following information in the body of the e-mail:

- participant/organization name
- name(s) of attendees
- whether the participant intends to attend in person or by teleconference
- a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address

Please do not hesitate to contact Lou Mustillo at 416-544-5185 or Lou.Mustillo@OntarioEnergyBoard.ca should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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