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VIA E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

June 16, 2017

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors

Re: Outstanding Load Transfer Elimination Application(s) Board File No.: <u>EB-2015-0006</u>

On December 21, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Notice of Amendments to the Distribution System Code (EB-2015-0006), related to the Elimination of Load Transfer Arrangements between electricity distributors and amended the Distribution System Code accordingly. As per section 6.5.3, all electricity distributors are required to eliminate all load transfer arrangements by June 21, 2017.

On May 5, 2017, the OEB issued a letter reminding all electricity distributors of the June 21, 2017 deadline and sought status update with respect to outstanding load transfer elimination applications. If your distributor has received approval from the OEB or an application has been filed with the OEB, no further action is required. However, a number of distributors that the OEB is aware have load transfer arrangements, have not yet filed an application for their elimination. If a distributor has any outstanding load transfer elimination application(s) that have not been filed with the OEB, it is important that they are filed no later than Wednesday, June 21, 2017 with the OEB.

A licensed distributor that is a geographic distributor in respect of a load transfer arrangement(s) will need to file a request for temporary exemption from section 6.5.3 of the code, if they are not going to meet the deadline for filing. An application for temporary exemption must **state the reason for the delay** and **specify the date on which the joint application(s)** will be filed with the OEB. Failure to file the application(s) or temporary exemption request(s) by the required deadline may lead to compliance action.

All applications and temporary exemption requests (if applicable) should be filed with the Board Secretary. If you have any questions regarding load transfer elimination applications, you can submit an Industry Relations Enquiry (IRE) using the <u>IRE Online</u> <u>Form</u>, or alternatively write to <u>IndustryRelations@oeb.ca</u> via e-mail.

Regards,

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