

BY E-MAIL AND WEB POSTING

March 15, 2018

TO: All Licensed Unit Sub-Meter Providers All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: <u>Revisions to the Ontario Energy Board's Cost Assessment Model</u>

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has revised its Cost Assessment Model (CAM), which sets out the methodology used by the OEB to apportion its costs for the purposes of section 26 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act). The revised CAM takes effect on April 1, 2018. Until that date, the CAM dated April 1, 2016 remains in effect.

The principal change to the CAM is to make provision for unit sub-meter providers (USMP) to be assessed a portion of the OEB's costs and to address how costs will be apportioned within the USMP class. Consistent with the approach used for electricity distributors (among others), apportionment within the USMP class will be based on the number of customers served by each USMP.

This change to the CAM gives effect to an amendment to Ontario Regulation 16/08 (Assessment of Expenses and Expenditures) that adds USMPs as a class of persons liable to pay the OEB's costs under section 26 of the OEB Act effective April 1, 2018.

The CAM has also been updated to reflect that OEB costs relating to the administration of the Ontario Electricity Support Program that are recovered under section 79.2 of the OEB Act are not funded through cost assessments.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to John Moon at <u>john.moon@oeb.ca</u> or at 416-440-7748.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Mary Anne Aldred Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel