October 05, 2020

To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
       All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
       Ontario Power Generation

Re: **Continuation of Temporary Monthly Reporting Requirement Related to the Consultation on the Deferral Account - Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency (EB-2020-0133)**

In its letters dated May 12, 2020 and June 26, 2020, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) established temporary monthly reporting requirements related to the impact arising from the COVID-19 emergency for electricity distributors, electricity transmitters, and Ontario Power Generation. The letters stated that the OEB would reassess the need for continued reporting in October and communicate whether the reporting requirements would continue.

In its letter dated September 24, 2020 describing the next steps in the Consultation on the Deferral Account – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19 Emergency, the OEB stated that it is continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the financial health of utilities based on their monthly reporting to the OEB.

OEB staff has been analyzing the data reported and finds it helpful in assessing the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 emergency on industry. The deferral account balance reporting in particular has been informative for the EB-2020-0133 consultation. Given the ongoing nature of both the COVID-19 emergency and the EB-2020-0133 consultation, the OEB is extending this temporary reporting requirement until the end of January 2021.

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Both the distributor excel worksheet and transmitter and OPG excel worksheet have been updated to reflect this extension. They can be found on the OEB's website under Reporting-and Record-keeping Requirements.

Any questions should be directed to IndustryRelations@oeb.ca, or by phone at 1-877-632-2727.

Yours truly,

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