

PUC Distribution Inc. 500 SECOND LINE EAST, P.O. Box 9000 SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, P6A 6P2

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Ms. Christine Long, Registrar Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Amending Licenses of Electricity Distributors to Provide a Temporary Exemption from Section 5.1.3 (b) of the Distribution System Code

As part of section 5.1.3 of the Distribution System Code ("DSC"), distributors had until August 21, 2020 to install a MIST meter on any existing installation that has a monthly average peak demand during a calendar year of over 50kW. On July 23, 2020, the OEB issued a Decision and Order (EB-2020-0187) amending the license of Electricity Distributors to prove a temporary exemption from Section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC. Given light of the ongoing pandemic and struggles that many distributors were having, the OEB issued an extension to March 31, 2021.

PUC Distribution Inc. ("PUC") is requesting a further extension to this deadline given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. PUC continues to face challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic with regards to inventory and installation. The status of the MIST Metering installation for PUC is as follows:

- 305 Meters have been installed as of March 30, 2021.
- 15 Meters are pending delivery and installation.
  - o 9 of those meters are expected to be installed by the first week of April.
  - The remaining 6 meters have an expected ship date of April 14, 2020 with arrival date of in the middle of May.
- 1 additional meters require service installation upgrades and is expected to be completed by end of June.

PUC continues to focus its efforts on the completion of MIST metering installation. PUC was under lockdown from December 2020 to February 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This lockdown was not foreseen and thus affected the remaining installations of MIST meters to satisfy section 5.1.3 (b) of the DSC.



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Due to the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, PUC is requesting an extension until June 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

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