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Ms. Christine E. Long
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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Rate Order
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.
Application for 2021 Electricity Distribution Rates
OEB File Number: EB-2020-0041**

Pursuant to the OEB's Decision and Order Dated April 22, 2021 Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. (Newmarket-Tay Power) filed a Draft Rate Order (DRO) with supporting material on April 29, 2021.

OEB staff has reviewed the DRO and has confirmed that, subject to the correction discussed in the following paragraph, Newmarket-Tay Power has implemented the OEB's findings and the direction set out in the Decision and Order.

An intervenor brought an error in the file *Incentive Rate-setting Mechanism Rate Generator for 2021 Filers* for the Newmarket rate zone (the model) to the attention of Newmarket-Tay Power, which in turn brought the item to the attention of OEB staff. The error is due to the unique circumstances of Newmarket-Tay Power, and not a systemic issue with the model. Newmarket-Tay Power has two distribution volumetric rates for the General Service 50 to 4,999kW customer class: one for customers with a "thermal demand meter"; and one for customers with an "interval meter". The model was not constructed to address two volumetric rates in one rate class, and this resulted in an error in tab 19 – *Final Tariff Schedule*.

OEB staff has revised the model containing the data as submitted by Newmarket-Tay Power on April 29, to adjust both volumetric rates in the 50-4,999kW rate class appropriately, and the revised model accompanies this submission. OEB staff submits that Newmarket-Tay Power should review the revised model and either confirm that it is

correct or provide any necessary updates to the model in its reply submission.

Subject to the use of the revised model, OEB staff submits that the DRO appropriately implements the OEB's Decision and Order.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2020-0041