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**To: All Electricity Distributors
All Intervenors in 2022 and 2023 Electricity Distributor Cost of Service
Proceedings**

**Re: Review of Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service
Classification
OEB File Numbers EB-2009-0326 and EB-2010-0219**

The Ontario Energy Board is issuing this letter to advise electricity distributors that the fixed microFIT Generator Service Classification charge (microFIT charge) shall remain at \$4.55 for the duration of the 2022 calendar year.

As part of the proceeding to determine and implement a distribution rate for embedded generators having a nameplate capacity of 10 kW or less¹, the OEB established the province-wide microFit charge at \$5.25 per month. The OEB indicated that the default charge would be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to reflect actual costs. Using the methodology established in that proceeding and refined in the *Report of the Board: Review of Electricity Distribution Cost Allocation Policy*², the microFIT charge was updated to \$5.40 per month on November 20, 2012³, for implementation in 2013 rate applications. The microFIT charge was next changed to \$4.55 per month on February 24, 2020⁴ to be implemented in 2020 rate applications where a rate order had not yet been issued. Most recently, the microFIT charge was reviewed and maintained at the current charge of \$4.55 per month on February 25, 2021.

As part of its annual review of the microFIT charge for 2022, the OEB has evaluated the relevant costs of distributors reflecting an update to those costs based on the most

¹ EB-2009-0326, [Decision and Order](#), February 23, 2010; EB-2009-0326, Rate Order, March 17, 2010

² EB-2010-0219, [Report of the Board](#), March 31, 2011

³ OEB letter to distributors, "[Update to Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification](#)", September 20, 2012

⁴ OEB letter to distributors, "[Update to Fixed Monthly Charge for microFIT Generator Service Classification](#)", February 24, 2020

recent OEB-approved cost of service applications. The OEB will maintain the \$4.55 monthly microFIT charge for the 2022 rate year as it is satisfied that the current charge continues to be a reasonable reflection of the costs that distributors incur in respect of a microFIT generator account.

The OEB reminds distributors that they may request a distributor-specific microFIT charge as part of their cost of service applications. Any distributor that applies for a distributor-specific charge will be required to demonstrate that its costs lead to a materially different charge than the province-wide charge.

Distributors are directed to communicate the continuation of the \$4.55 monthly microFIT charge to all affected customers at the earliest opportunity unless they have been approved for a different rate.

Yours truly,

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