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March 25, 2022

Christine Bell  
Vice President, Finance  
Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.  
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Dear Ms. Bell:

**Re: Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.  
Application for Electricity Distributor Licence Amendment  
OEB File Number EB-2022-0115**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) received Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.'s (Newmarket-Tay) application dated March 10, 2022. for a temporary exemption from its licence obligation to provide time-of-use pricing, due to supply chain issues that have resulted in a shortage of smart meters.

We thank you for bringing the shortage to our attention. As we understand that it is a systemic problem affecting a number of distributors other than Newmarket-Tay, we have decided to address it on a sectoral basis rather than on a distributor-specific basis. To that end, we issued a [Bulletin](#) on March 23, 2022 assuring distributors that no compliance measures will be taken against them if, despite their due diligence, they are unable to procure the smart meters they need. The Bulletin also sets out our expectations in the event some conventional meters need to be installed on a temporary basis.

As the delegated decision-maker for licence applications under section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, I trust the Bulletin addresses the concerns that led to Newmarket-Tay's application. I therefore see no need to process the application and will close our file.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Hewson

Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance