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**BY EMAIL AND WEB POSTING**

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**TO: All Licensed Electricity Retailers  
All Other Interested Parties**

**RE: For Stakeholder Feedback: Changes to Price Comparison Templates and  
Consumer-Facing Materials for Third-Party Net Metering and Energy  
Supply Contracts Related to the Ultra-Low Overnight TOU Price Plan  
OEB File No. EB-2022-0160**

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The OEB would like to invite comments from stakeholders on proposed revisions to the price comparison templates and the instructions for completing the price comparisons related to the new Ultra-Low Overnight (ULO) Price Plan.

On January 1, 2023, amendments to O. Reg. 95/05 (Classes of Consumers and Determination of Rates) came into force that require distributors to offer the new ULO price plan to Regulated Price Plan (RPP) consumers no later than November 1, 2023. The amendments allow distributors that are able to make the new price plan available earlier to do so as beginning May 1, 2023.

In order to implement the new requirement, on December 14, 2022, the OEB amended the Standard Supply Service Code and advised that it “intends to update the OEB-approved price comparison templates that retailers are required to provide to low-volume consumers, in order to compare the retail price to standard Time-of-Use (TOU) prices, Tiered prices and ULO prices.”

Attachments to this letter include proposed updates to disclosure statements, price comparison documents, and the instructions for completing price comparison documents as revised.

Because retailers will not know which pricing structure a prospective consumer is on and to minimize the number of documents required, the proposed price comparisons display all three pricing structures and the contract price. Comparisons will vary in accordance with seasonal changes in TOU periods and Tiered thresholds.

In an effort to reduce regulatory burden on retailers, disclosure statements and price comparison templates have all been redesigned to include only one format for both online and print versions, thereby reducing the number of these forms by half. New disclosure statements and price comparison templates have been designed in an 8 ½ x 11" page-numbered format. Please note, for the print version, all pages must be attached in some fashion as to make it clear they are all part of one document. The acknowledgment signature box in the disclosure statements and price comparison templates also includes the number of pages in the document.

Interested parties are invited to provide comments on proposed revisions to disclosure statements, price comparison templates, and the instructions for completing price comparisons (see Attachments A, B and C). To provide retailers with final price comparison templates in advance of May 1, 2023, comments on proposed changes are due March 17, 2023, and should be submitted in accordance with the filing instructions set out below.

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0160** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#). The OEB will not be awarding costs for this consultation.

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Questions related to the revised documents can be forwarded to [Azalyn.Manzano@oeb.ca](mailto:Azalyn.Manzano@oeb.ca). All other communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

Yours truly,

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