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To: All Licensed and Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors

All Intervenors in Electricity Distribution Cost of Service Proceedings for

2024 Rates

All Other Interested Stakeholders

Re: Very Small Utilities Working Group Report to the OEB

Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2023-0229

On August 31, 2023, the OEB issued a <u>letter</u> establishing a Working Group to assess opportunities for reducing regulatory burden associated with the filing and review process of major rate applications for very small electricity distributors. The Working Group met eight times between September 2023 and January 2024 and has prepared a report to the OEB that describes the challenges and proposes potential solutions.

OEB staff is filing the Working Group Report on behalf of the Very Small Utilities Working Group to the OEB.

The Working Group Report and attachments can be found on <u>Engage with Us:</u> Regulatory Efficiency for Very Small Utilities.

OEB staff thanks the Working Group members for their contributions and for sharing their perspectives.

Yours truly,

Originally signed by

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