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**To: All Licensed and Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors  
All Electricity Transmitters  
All Natural Gas Distributors  
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: OEB Data Transparency Initiatives**

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The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is pleased to highlight its ongoing and enhanced commitment to making data more accessible and transparent for consumers and industry stakeholders. This commitment is demonstrated through initiatives made possible by the provision of annual Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements (RRR) information from electricity and natural gas distributors.

In 2022, the OEB began publishing this information through our Open Data initiative to enable deeper, more customized analysis of the RRR information. The RRR information shared through Open Data provides valuable insights into the operations of each electricity distributor, including the number and types of customers they serve, consumption data, support programs available, and their financial performance.

The OEB's [Interactive Dashboards](#) leverage electricity distributor RRR data to offer insights into industry trends and individual distributor performance. They feature customizable data visualization options for comparing distributor performance.

Working together, the Open Data initiative and Interactive Dashboards continue to advance data accessibility and transparency.

### **Enhancements**

The OEB is releasing an updated set of Open Data files, that include the following enhancements:

- **Activity and Program-based Benchmarking Related Reporting Dataset for Electricity Distributors**

In addition to updating Open Data files for electricity distributors with an additional year of data, the OEB is releasing the RRR 2.1.5.8 Activity and Program-based



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Benchmarking (APB) Related Reporting dataset. This section provides data related to the fixed asset continuity schedule and other information that contributes to the [APB initiative](#).

- **Third-Party Net Metering Dataset for Electricity Distributors**

Open Data Section 2.1.14 for electricity distributors has been modified to include data related to third party net metering. This includes the number of signed declarations received from generators who wish to participate in third party net metering and the total installed capacity of net metered generation associated with the signed declarations.

- **Embedded Generation Facilities Dataset Broken Down by Facility Type for Electricity Distributors**

In the past, Open Data Section 2.1.14 for electricity distributors only showed the total number of embedded generation facilities and their cumulative installed capacity per year. We have now added a new table that provides detailed yearly data, broken down by facility type, for better visibility and analysis.

- **Electricity Transmitter Dataset Addition**

The OEB is also pleased to announce the integration of RRR data for electricity transmitters into the [Open Data platform](#). This enhancement allows users to access electricity transmitter data in addition to the already available data for electricity distributors.

Note that Electricity Distributor RRR Section 2.1.19 for will be published on September 13, 2024 in conjunction with the publication of the finalized scorecards by the OEB and distributors.

For individuals seeking guidance on how to work with XML files, we recommend referring to our [Open Data Guide](#). This comprehensive resource provides a detailed walkthrough on how to import XML files into Microsoft Excel.

For any questions relating to this letter, please contact the Performance Analytics & Reporting team at [performance\\_reporting@oeb.ca](mailto:performance_reporting@oeb.ca).

Sincerely,

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