

May 14, 2025

By E-Mail

Mr. Ritchie Murray
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St, 27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray:

**Re: Letter Requesting Extension to the Total Cost Benchmarking Survey Deadline
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0102**

The Electricity Distributors Association represents Ontario's local hydro utilities, which are the part of our electricity system closest to customers. Publicly and privately owned utilities, otherwise known as local distribution companies, deliver electricity to residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers—powering every community in the province. Our members are directly impacted by the outcome of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Total Cost Benchmarking consultation.

On behalf of our members, we are writing to request an extension for submitting the Total Cost Benchmarking survey, currently due on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We respectfully request that the deadline be extended to **May 23, 2025**.

The survey is quite detailed, with over 30 questions that will require considerable time for our members to prepare, review, and finalize. Additionally, some of our members are involved in active applications before the OEB or preparing to file one, as well as participating in several consultations at the OEB and the IESO. The combination of all this work, along with the extensive information requested in the survey, is placing a significant burden on distributors. The requested extension will allow distributors the necessary time to provide thorough and thoughtful responses to the survey questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact Rudra Mukherji, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, at rmukherji@eda-on.ca or at (647)332-6323.

Sincerely,



Teresa Sarkesian
President & Chief Executive Officer
Electricity Distributors Association