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**To: All rate-regulated Electricity Transmitters
All Participants from Hydro One Network Inc.'s 2023-2027 Joint Rates
Application (EB-2021-0110)
All Interested Parties**

**Re: Stakeholder Consultation on the Review of the OEB's Filing Requirements for
Electricity Transmission Applications - Chapter 1 and Chapter 2
Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2025-0149**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is seeking stakeholder input on a proposed update to the OEB's Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications - Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 (the Filing Requirements).

Chapter 1 outlines generic procedural matters and the OEB's expectations for parties participating in transmission rate-setting and leave to construct processes. Chapter 2 details the filing requirements for a revenue requirement application. Copies of the draft update, including redline versions, are attached as Appendix A and B, respectively, to this letter.

The Filing Requirements, originally developed in 2016, will be reviewed as part of this engagement to identify any necessary updates. This includes accounting for the passage of time, incorporating insights from past transmission revenue requirement proceedings, and enhancing regulatory process efficiencies achieved to date or still attainable.

Rate Framework for Single-Asset Transmitters

A key focus of the update is to provide guidance on the revenue requirement framework for the growing number of single-asset transmitters now operating in Ontario. Specifically, it aims to clarify the expectations for Custom Incentive Rate-setting (Custom IR) applications required to support filings under this approach.

Effective Date and Future Developments

The updated Filing Requirements are proposed to apply to transmission rebasing applications for 2027 rates.

These updates reflect current legislative and OEB policy frameworks, as well as general regulatory practices. The OEB also recognizes that the transmission sector is evolving. Accordingly, future changes such as the introduction of a Transmission Selection Framework by the Independent Electricity System Operator may necessitate further revisions.

The OEB intends to review these Filing Requirements every five years to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

Stakeholder Meeting

Interested parties are invited to attend a virtual stakeholder engagement session on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**, from **9:30 am to 12:00 pm**. During the session, OEB staff will present an overview of the draft proposed Filing Requirements. Interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to share their initial comments through presentations. Following the meeting, stakeholders may also provide additional written feedback.

Participation

Stakeholders who wish to participate in this consultation are asked to email notice of their intention to registrar@oeb.ca by **Monday, June 16, 2025**.

Emails should include “EB-2025-0149 Review of the OEB’s Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications - Chapter 1 & 2” in the subject line and provide the following information:

- Participant/organization name.
- Name(s) of attendees to be registered.
- Contact name, telephone number and email address; and
- Whether the stakeholder intends to make a presentation of their initial comments at the meeting (maximum 15 minutes).

Written Feedback

Following the stakeholder engagement session, stakeholders will have the opportunity to submit additional written feedback. These comments should be filed with the OEB by **Thursday, July 10, 2025**. Stakeholders may also respond to feedback submitted by

others, with supplementary comments due by **Thursday, July 24, 2025**.

Stay Informed

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to visit the **Electricity Transmission Filing Requirements Review** Engage with Us page and sign up to receive future updates.

Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants under section 30 of the OEB Act. Participants who meet the eligibility criteria may request for an award of costs in their email notification for participation. Cost awards will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity transmitters. Further information regarding cost awards can be found in Appendix C to this letter.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this review, stakeholders should email the OEB's Registrar at registrar@oeb.ca, include "EB-2025-0149 Review of the OEB's Filing Requirements For Electricity Transmission Applications - Chapter 1 & 2" in the subject line, and copy the Case Manager, Tina Zhu, at Tina.Zhu@oeb.ca.

DATED at Toronto, **June 5, 2025**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Theodore Antonopoulos
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Appendix C

Cost Award Matters

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB will determine eligibility for costs in accordance with its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). Any person intending to request an award of costs must file with the OEB a written submission to that effect by **June 16, 2025**. The submission must identify the grounds on which the person believes that it is eligible for an award of costs (addressing the OEB's cost eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of the Practice Direction). An explanation of any other funding to which the person has access must also be provided, as should the name and credentials of any lawyer, analyst or consultant that the person intends to retain, if known. All requests for cost eligibility will be posted on the OEB's website.

If a rate-regulated transmitter has any objections to any new requests for cost eligibility, such objections must be filed with the OEB by **June 20, 2025**. Any requests and objections will be posted on the OEB's [website](#). The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants for participation in the initial stakeholder meeting to a maximum of actual meeting time plus two (2) hours for preparation and six (6) hours for subsequent review and written comment on the draft proposed Filing Requirements, inclusive of both rounds of written comments.

Cost Awards

When determining the amount of the cost awards, the OEB will apply the principles set out in section 5 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The maximum hourly rates set out in the Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied. The OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or class of persons will make every effort to communicate and coordinate their participation in this process. In accordance with section 12 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, the OEB will act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process. For more information on this process, please see the OEB's Practice Direction.

How to File Material

All written material sent to the OEB in response to this letter will be placed on the public record and posted on the OEB's website.

If the written materials are from a private citizen¹, the OEB will remove any personal (i.e., not business) contact information (e.g., address, phone number and e-mail address) before placing the materials on the public record and posting the materials on the OEB's website. However, your name and the entire content of your materials will be placed on the public record and posted on the OEB's website. If the written materials are from a person acting in a professional or business capacity, all information in the written materials will be publicly available.

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

Please quote file number, **EB-2025-0149** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [File documents online page](#) on the OEB's website.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the [File documents online page](#) of the OEB's website for more information. All participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on all required parties as per the [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll-free)

¹ This excludes lawyers representing a client, consultants representing a client or organization, individuals in an organization that represents the interests of consumers or other groups, and individuals from a regulated entity.