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To: All Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors
Participants in Consultation EB-2023-0071
All Other Interested Parties

Re: **Electric Vehicle Integration Initiative (EB-2023-0071)**
Electricity Delivery Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging
Preparation for the Implementation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Rate

What You Need to Know

- The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is sharing a template opt-in form, a record-keeping template and communication materials to support electricity distributors implementing the Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) Rate.
- The EVC Rate aims to support the efficient integration of EVs by reducing the rate paid by participating EV charging stations and better aligning the charges they pay with the transmission system costs incurred to serve them.
- Electricity distributors must begin offering the EVC Rate to eligible EV charging stations next year, once their OEB-approved 2026 distribution rates take effect.

The OEB is moving forward with steps to support the implementation of the EVC Rate, which aims to support the efficient integration of EVs in the province. The EVC Rate responds to direction from the Minister of Energy (now the Minister of Energy and Mines) to the OEB to consider rate design options for EV charging.

Background

The OEB released the [Electric Vehicle Charging Rate Overview – Final Report](#) (Final Report) on March 31, 2025. The EVC Rate will reduce the Retail Transmission Service Rates (RTSRs) paid by participating EV charging stations and will better align the RTSRs that they pay with the transmission system costs incurred to serve them.

In this letter, the OEB is sharing materials and details about the opt-in form, the Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (RRR) and other information requirements (Participant Count and Participant Demand) related to the EVC Rate that were referenced in the Final Report. The OEB is also sharing communication materials for electricity distributors.

Opt-In Form

EV charging station owners that want to sign up for the EVC Rate will need to complete an opt-in form for each station they want to enrol and submit it to their electricity distributor.

The Final Report committed the OEB to work with stakeholders to establish a template opt-in form. The OEB shared a draft opt-in form for comment on June 19, 2025, with all electricity distributors and with EV charging station companies that participated in the consultation. An EV charging station company said the opt-in form appeared simple to follow, and an electricity distributor suggested minor edits to the form, which the OEB has implemented in part.

The OEB is now sharing template opt-in forms in two different formats that electricity distributors may adapt and use if they wish. They are encouraged to make the opt-in forms available at least 90 days in advance of the effective date of their 2026 rates.

RRR

The Final Report also committed the OEB to work with electricity distributors to establish a record-keeping template that records information on the hourly demand of each EV charging station that enrolls in the EVC Rate.

The OEB shared a draft record-keeping template with all electricity distributors on June 19, 2025, for feedback, and received two responses. One distributor said tracking the amount of information included in the template would be an administrative burden. Another distributor said it had no concerns with the proposed template. The OEB has designed the template with a view to minimizing any additional burden but also recognizes that it requires the recording of this data to assist with any possible review of the EVC Rate and may support EVC Rate customization that electricity distributors might propose in the future.

The OEB is sharing a record-keeping requirement template at this time to provide electricity distributors with sufficient time to prepare to record this information as EV charging stations sign up for the EVC Rate. The OEB will update the RRR to include the EVC record-keeping requirements before December 31, 2025. Communication on this

update will be provided in due course. The purpose of the EVC Rate RRR update is for record-keeping and does not require annual reporting.

Participant Count and Participant Demand

While the OEB did not establish a template or RRR for collecting participant count (the number of participating EV charging stations in the EVC Rate) and participant demand (the total monthly demand [MW and MWh] of participating EV charging stations in the EVC Rate), the Final Report said the OEB may ask electricity distributors for this information. Electricity distributors should be prepared to share this information with the OEB if requested.

Communications

The OEB expects electricity distributors will inform their customers about the EVC Rate. To that end, the OEB has developed the following materials that electricity distributors may use:

- Q/As for distributor websites and call centres
- Proposed website copy that distributors can use to help explain the EVC Rate

To download these communication materials, the record-keeping template and the template opt-in form, please click on the following link:

https://www.oeb.ca/documents/ldc/EVC_Rate_Materials.zip

All materials related to the OEB's EVC Rate consultation are also available on the OEB's Advanced Regulatory Document Search [website](#). If you have any questions related to this initiative, please email IndustryRelations@oeb.ca

Yours truly,

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