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**To: All Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors
Independent Electricity System Operator
All Participants in EB-2025-0060
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Distribution System Operator (DSO) Capabilities (EB-2025-0060)
Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting**

What You Need to Know

- The OEB invites stakeholders to a meeting on October 14, 2025, to advance the development of its DSO Roadmap. The OEB will post its presentation materials by October 7, 2025.
- Interested stakeholders are invited to register for the meeting by October 9, 2025.
- Written comments from stakeholders will be due October 24, 2025.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) invites stakeholders to a meeting on October 14, 2025, to advance the development of a DSO roadmap as part of its DSO Capabilities consultation.

Building on stakeholder feedback received in the June 2025 stakeholder symposium and in written comments received in July 2025, the OEB has developed key elements of the DSO roadmap. These include the roadmap approach, objectives, overall vision and detailed workstreams, which have been refined from the initial proposals outlined in the DSO Discussion Paper. Through this meeting, the OEB is seeking stakeholder input on these key elements to help shape the design of a practical and forward-looking roadmap.

Invitation to Participate in Stakeholder Meeting and Provide Written Comments

The OEB is holding a virtual stakeholder meeting on **October 14, 2025**, from **1 p.m.** to **4 p.m.** To support meaningful engagement, the OEB will post a presentation deck outlining the roadmap elements and discussion questions on October 7.

During the meeting, stakeholders are encouraged to share feedback throughout the discussions. Following the meeting, stakeholders will also have the option to submit written comments by **October 24, 2025**. The OEB will be unable to extend the deadline for written comments given the requirement to submit the DSO roadmap to the Minister of Energy and Mines by December 31, 2025. Stakeholders will continue to have opportunities to contribute as the OEB moves into implementing the work defined in the DSO roadmap.

Participation in Stakeholder Meeting

Stakeholders interested in participating in the meeting should register by emailing registrar@oeb.ca no later than **October 9, 2025**. Please include in the email:

- Subject line: "**EB-2025-0060 Distribution System Operator Capabilities**"
- Organization/participant name
- Name(s) of attendees to be registered
- Contact name, telephone number and email address

Cost Award Matters

Cost awards will be made available to eligible participants under section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, for participation in the consultation. Please see the May 20, 2025, [Decision on Cost Eligibility](#) and the August 25, 2025, [Supplemental Decision on Cost Eligibility](#).

Further information regarding cost awards is included in Appendix A to this letter.

We encourage stakeholders to register on the [Distribution System Operator Capabilities Engage with Us](#) page to receive future updates.

For questions regarding this consultation, please contact DSOcapabilities@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

Appendix A – Cost Award Matters

1. Eligible Activities

The activities eligible for cost awards are:

Activities Eligible for Cost Awards	Maximum Number of Hours
Attendance and participation in the October 14, 2025, stakeholder meeting (for eligible participants and/or their consultants)	Actual meeting time + 4 hours
Preparation of written comments	5 hours

When calculating the amount of the cost awards, the OEB will adhere to the principles outlined in section 5 of its 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 co-ordinate their participation in this process. As per section 12 of its Practice Direction on Cost Awards, the OEB will serve as the central entity for all disbursements of cost awards in this process. For further details about this process, please refer to the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

2. How to File Materials

Please ensure that all materials filed include the file number **EB-2025-0060** and submit them in PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Please ensure that the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and email address are clearly stated in the filings.
- 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 communication should be addressed to the Registrar and must be received by the close of business, 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

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