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To: Parties in Generic Hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates – Phase 2 (EB-2022-0325)

Re: **Update Regarding Generic Hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates – Phase 2 (EB-2022-0325)**

What You Need to Know

- **The OEB considers the substantive issues in Phase 2 of the Generic Hearing to be complete, with only outstanding implementation matters remaining to be addressed**
- **Matters such as double-peak billing and issues affecting distribution-connected customers may be considered in a separate follow-up proceeding at a later date**
- **A single-member panel to issue a final Phase 2 decision focused on implementation and procedural completion**

I am writing to provide interested stakeholders with an update on the status of Phase 2 of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Generic Hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates and to outline the OEB's intended approach to next steps.

Background

The OEB commenced a generic proceeding on its own motion in 2021 under sections 19, 21 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) to consider issues related to Ontario's Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs).

- Phase 1 of the proceeding (EB-2021-0243) commenced in 2021 and focused on setting the Export Transmission Service Rate. This phase concluded in 2023.
- Phase 2 of the proceeding (EB-2022-0325) was subsequently initiated to address a defined set of policy and rate design issues related to the application of UTRs to transmission customers.

Status of Phase 2 of the Proceeding and Panel Composition

With the release of the most recent Decisions in Phase 2, on March 27, 2025,¹ and November 27, 2025,² the OEB considers the substantive examination of the issues identified for this phase to be complete.

The OEB recognizes, however, that certain implementation matters remain outstanding, including those outlined in the OEB staff letter dated December 10, 2025,³ and the submissions filed in response to that letter. These matters relate to the detailed implementation of approved exemptions, transitional arrangements, and related revisions to the Uniform Transmission Rate Schedule and associated terms and conditions.

The OEB intends to address these implementation matters through a final Phase 2 decision, which will serve to close out the proceeding. The focus now having shifted to implementation matters, and the terms of office for the Commissioners who issued the March 27, 2025 and November 27, 2025 decisions having now expired, a new single-member panel comprising Commissioner Vinay Sharma has been assigned for this final decision of the proceeding.

I expect the final Phase 2 decision to be issued by March 31, 2026.

Future Proceeding

The OEB recognizes that additional matters have emerged since the initiation of Phase 2, and that certain issues were expressly scoped out of this phase. These include, among others, matters related to double-peak billing and issues affecting distribution-connected customers. Where appropriate, such matters may be considered by the OEB in a separate follow-up proceeding to be launched at a later date.

Yours truly,

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Chief Commissioner

¹ [Decision and Order](#), March 27, 2025

² [Decision and Order](#), November 27, 2025

³ [OEB Staff Update Letter](#), December 10, 2025