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**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND A CODE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CODE**

BOARD FILE NO.: EB-2019-0207

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Generators
All Licensed Electricity Storage Companies
Independent Electricity System Operator
All Participants in Consultation Process EB-2019-0207
All Other Interested Parties**

What You Need to Know

- **The OEB is proposing DSC Amendments to:**
 - **Establish requirements for distributors to share foundational static information regarding Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)**
 - **Update connection agreement templates in Appendix E of the DSC.**
- **These proposed amendments aim to support IESO activities related to the deployment of DERs, improve customer awareness and ensure consistent disclosure of distributors' information sharing obligations, all of which supports the broader objective of optimizing DER integration across Ontario.**
- **Comments from stakeholders regarding the proposed amendments are due by May 14, 2026.**

The OEB is giving notice, under section 70.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Act), of proposed amendments to the DSC. These proposed amendments are intended to inform activities related to the deployment of DERs by enabling and

requiring licensed electricity distributors to share information, upon request, about DERs that are connected to their distribution systems with the IESO.

The proposed amendments are responsive to the Minister of Energy and Mines' [Directive](#) to the OEB regarding the implementation of the province's Integrated Energy Plan - *Energy for Generations: Ontario's Integrated Plan to Power the Strongest Economy in the G7* (IEP Directive).

A. Background

To support cost-effective DER deployment and the optimization of DER integration, section 16 of the IEP Directive calls on the OEB to enhance data sharing practices between the IESO, electricity distributors and DER providers in a phased approach.

In response, the OEB engaged the DER Connections Review Working Group to assess data-sharing needs that inform cost-effective DER deployment and the optimization of DER integration. The Working Group developed recommendations for proposed DSC amendments focused on the sharing of static DER data and enhancing customer awareness.

Working Group meeting materials are posted on the OEB's DER Connections Review Engage with Us project [webpage](#). The OEB thanks the members of the Working Group for their efforts and has benefitted from their recommendations in preparing the proposed amendments to the DSC.

B. Proposed Amendments to the DSC

This section describes the proposed DSC amendments and the OEB's rationale for them. In proposing these amendments, the OEB is guided by its objectives as set out in section 1 of the Act. The proposed amendments are set out in Appendix A of this Notice.

New DSC section regarding information sharing

The OEB proposes to introduce a new section 6.6.7 in Chapter 6 (Distributors' Responsibilities) of the DSC that would require distributors, upon request, to share static information related to embedded generation facilities and storage facilities connected to their distribution systems with the IESO.

This information-sharing requirement is intended to support IESO activities related to the deployment of embedded generation facilities, including system planning, forecasting and valuation. This requirement is limited to static information, described in the proposed new section 6.6.7 as the fixed characteristics of an embedded generation facility and not real time or time-varying operational data.

The information to be shared can be one or more of the following: connecting station and feeder; program or initiative participation details and applicable dates; nameplate rated capacity or contracted capacity; embedded generation facility resource type; and any other static information as may be reasonably requested by the IESO to support those activities. It is expected that distributors will already possess this information and that they will not be required to obtain additional information from embedded generation facilities for the sole purpose of sharing that information with the IESO. Information related to the connecting station and feeder may be provided on an individual station or feeder basis or aggregated at an IESO-controlled grid connection point.

The requirement to provide “any other static information as may be reasonably requested by the IESO” is designed to provide flexibility to accommodate different data needs arising from various IESO analyses. Specific data requirements are expected to be further developed through the [IESO’s Enabling Resources Program \(ERP\) DER Integration Project](#), building on the framework established by the proposed DSC amendments. If a distributor questions whether data requested by the IESO aligns with the purpose set out in section 6.6.7, it may seek clarification from the IESO.

The proposed new information-sharing requirement applies to both existing embedded generation facilities (and storage facilities) and those that may be connected in the future. The proposed amendments to Appendix E of the DSC (described below) are intended to facilitate the provision of information to the IESO for future connections. For existing embedded generation facilities, distributors are reminded of their licence obligation to inform their customers of the circumstances under which their information may be disclosed to a third party without consent (including information that is shared to comply with legal and regulatory requirements, such as the DSC, for example). Where a distributor determines that its current practices do not adequately address the new information-sharing requirements, the OEB expects the distributor to take steps to inform its embedded generation customers using such methods as the distributor considers appropriate.

Amendments to Appendix E

The OEB proposes the following amendments to the forms of connection agreement in Appendix E of the DSC:

- **Micro-Embedded Generation Facility Connection Agreement:** The OEB proposes to add a new subsection 7.0 to clarify that, by signing the agreement, a micro-embedded generation facility is aware of and agrees to the distributor sharing information related to the facility and its connection to the distribution system for the purpose of fulfilling applicable legal or regulatory obligations.

- **Form of Connection Agreement for a Small Embedded Generation Facility of a Mid-sized Embedded Generation Facility:** The OEB proposes to revise section 20.3 to emphasize that information relating to the customer's connection, whether confidential or not, may be disclosed for the purposes set out in that section.
- **Information in a Connection Agreement for a Large Embedded Generation Facility:** The OEB proposes to add a new item 19, titled "*Exchange and confidentiality of information*", to the list of required terms and conditions in connection agreements for large embedded generation facilities. Distributors are expected to include terms and conditions similar to those set out in section 20 of the form of connection agreement for small- and mid-sized embedded generation facilities.

These proposed amendments will enhance customer awareness, transparency and consistency across distributors and different sizes of embedded generation facilities regarding the sharing of information for authorized purposes.

C. Anticipated Costs and Benefits

The OEB believes that the proposed amendments to the DSC will support the broader objective of optimizing DER integration across Ontario. The proposed new section 6.6.7 will enable the IESO to have access to static information necessary to support system modeling and planning, accurate forecasting and valuation activities, including those undertaken as part of the ERP DER Integration Project. This will support system reliability and enable cost-effective grid investment, ultimately benefiting energy consumers over time.

Administrative implementation costs for distributors are expected to be minimal since it is expected that distributors already collect the static data to be shared as part of their existing connection process. The OEB believes that the benefits of the proposed amendments will outweigh the anticipated implementation costs.

D. Coming into Force

The OEB proposes that the amendments to the DSC as set out in Appendix A will come into force on **August 1, 2026**.

E. Invitation to Comment

The OEB invites comments from all interested stakeholders on the proposed amendments to the DSC. Comments are due by **May 14, 2026**.

Filing Instructions

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-2019-0207** for all materials filed and submit them in a 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 convention and documentation submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found on the [Filing Systems page](#) of the OEB's website.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [setup an account](#) or require assistance using the online filing portal should contact registrar@oeb.ca for assistance.
- Cost claims are filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the OEB's website for more information on how to [File documents online](#). 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 filings must be received by 4:45 pm on the required date.

F. Cost Awards

Cost awards will be available under section 30 of the Act to eligible participants in relation to written comments provided on the proposed DSC amendments in this Notice. Any participant previously found eligible for an award of costs in either **EB-2019-0207** (the DER Connections Review) or **EB-2021-0117** (Amendments to the DSC to facilitate DER connections) is eligible for an award of costs in relation to the provision of comments on these proposed DSC amendments and need not reapply.

Costs will be recovered from all rate-regulated electricity distributors apportioned based on respective customer numbers.

Appendix B contains important information regarding cost awards for this Notice and comment process, including information about eligibility requests and objections and the maximum number of hours for which cost awards can be claimed. The deadlines for filing cost eligibility requests and objections will be strictly enforced to facilitate a timely decision on cost eligibility.

This Notice, including the proposed DSC amendments set out in Appendix A, along with all related project materials, written comments and cost filings, will be available for public viewing on the OEB's DER Connections Review Engage with Us project [webpage](#) and on the OEB website under file number [EB-2019-0207](#).

If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the DSC described in this Notice, please contact IndustryRelations@oeb.ca. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

DATED at Toronto, April 23, 2026

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Registrar

Attachments:

Appendix A - Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code – Comparison Version to the Current Code

Appendix B - Cost Awards

Appendix A

to

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**Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code -
Comparison Version to the Current Code**

Note: Underlined text indicates additions to the Code.

6.6 Provision of Information

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6.6.7 Upon request by the IESO, a distributor shall provide to the IESO one or more of the following types of static information that the distributor may have regarding embedded generation facilities and storage facilities connected to its distribution system, for the purpose of informing IESO activities regarding the deployment of embedded generation facilities, including system planning, forecasting, and valuation activities:

- (a) connecting station and feeder;
- (b) the name and description of any program or initiative offered by the distributor in which the embedded generation facility is participating, and applicable start and end dates;
- (c) the nameplate rated capacity or contracted capacity of the embedded generation facility (in kW). For this purpose, contracted capacity means the capacity specified in the connection agreement or in an agreement relating to a program or initiative referred to in (b), which may be equal to or lower than the nameplate rated capacity;
- (d) the embedded generation facility resource type (i.e., solar, wind etc.); and
- (e) any other static information as may be reasonably requested by the IESO for the purpose described above.

A distributor shall use its best efforts to fulfill the IESO's request within the timeline specified by the IESO.

For the purposes of this section 6.6.7, static information refers to the fixed characteristics of the embedded generation facility and does not include real time or time-varying operational data.

Appendix E: Information in a Connection Agreement for a Large Embedded Generation Facility

19. Exchange and Confidentiality of Information

Appendix E: Micro-Embedded Generation Facility Connection Agreement

7.0 Information Sharing Requirements

You agree that information related to your generation facility and its connection to the distribution system may be disclosed by the LDC where required by law or by regulatory requirements, including those in the Code, the Market Rules or the LDC's Licence.

Appendix E: Form of Connection Agreement for a small Embedded Generation Facility of a Mid-sized Embedded Generation Facility

20.3 Nothing in section 20.2 shall prevent the disclosure of confidential or other information, including but not limited to information about the Customer's connection:

- (a) where required or permitted under this Agreement, the Code, the Market Rules or the Distributor's Licence;
- (b) where required by law or regulatory requirements;
- (c) where required by order of a government, government agency, regulatory body or regulatory agency having jurisdiction;
- (d) if required in connection with legal proceedings, arbitration or any expert determination relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, or for the purpose of advising a Party in relation thereto;
- (e) as may be required to enable the Distributor to fulfill its obligations to any reliability organization; or
- (f) as may be required during an emergency or to prevent or minimize the effects of an emergency.

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Cost Awards

Cost Award Eligibility

The OEB will determine eligibility for cost awards in accordance with its [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#). Any participant in this process intending to request cost awards (and that has not already been determined eligible for cost awards in the OEB's cost eligibility Decisions issued on September 10, 13, or 23, 2019, on January 13, 2020 or on July 16, 2025 in consultation EB-2019-0207, or the OEB's cost eligibility Decision issued on September 3, 2021 in consultation EB-2021-0117 must file a written submission with the OEB by **April 30, 2026**, identifying the nature of their interest in this process and the grounds on which they are eligible for cost awards (addressing the OEB's cost eligibility criteria in section 3 of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*). An explanation of any other funding to which the participant 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 website under file number [EB-2019-0207](#).

Rate-regulated electricity distributors will be provided with an opportunity to object to any of the requests for cost award eligibility. If an electricity distributor has objections to any of the cost eligibility requests, those objections must be filed with the OEB by **May 5, 2026**. Any objections will be posted on the OEB website. The OEB will then make a final determination on the cost eligibility of the requesting participants.

Eligible Activities

Cost awards will be available in relation to providing comments on the proposed DSC amendments set out in Appendix A, to a maximum of 4 hours.

Cost Awards

The OEB will apply the principles in section 5 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, when determining the amount of the cost awards. The maximum hourly rates in the OEB's Cost Awards Tariff will also be applied. The OEB expects that groups representing the same interests or same type of participant will make every effort to communicate and co-ordinate their participation in this process. Cost awards

are made available on a per eligible participant basis, regardless of the number of professional advisors that an eligible participant may wish to retain.

The OEB will use the process in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards; i.e., the OEB will act as a clearing house for all cost award payments in this process. For more information on this process, please see the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and the [October 27, 2005 letter](#) regarding the rationale for the OEB acting as a clearing house for the cost award payments. These documents can be found on the OEB website at www.oeb.ca on the "Rules, Codes, Procedures & Forms" webpage.