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To: **All Parties in EB-2022-0325**
All Other Interested Parties

Re: **OEB File Number: EB-2026-0166**
Reconvening of the Uniform Transmission Rates (UTR) Working Group

What You Need to Know

- **The OEB is reconvening the UTR Working Group.**
- **The Working Group will develop proposals to address double peak billing arising from unplanned transmission outages and potential refund mechanisms for embedded distributors.**
- **A meeting will be held on June 5, 2026.**

Following the conclusion of Phase 2 of its generic hearing on Uniform Transmission Rates (UTR)¹ on March 31, 2026, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is reconvening the UTR Working Group (Working Group).

The Working Group, comprised of previously identified industry participants and stakeholders, will develop proposals to address specific issues identified by the OEB in a decision issued on November 27, 2025.

Background

In 2021, the OEB initiated a generic hearing on its own motion to consider various issues related to Ontario's UTR. Phase 1 of the UTR proceeding focused on export customers and Ontario's Export Transmission Service rate and concluded on February 2, 2023.² Following the completion of Phase 1, the OEB commenced Phase 2 of the generic hearing which focused on domestic transmission customers and examined how UTRs are applied in practice.

In a March 27, 2025, Phase 2 [Decision and Order](#), the OEB established a Working

¹ EB-2022-0325

² EB-2021-0243

Group, to be facilitated by OEB staff, directing it to report back to the OEB on specific matters related primarily to double-peak billing.

On November 27, 2025, the OEB issued a further [Decision and Order](#) that, among other things, approved a framework to enable refunds for double peak billing arising from planned transmission outages. The November 2025 Decision and Order also determined that further work was required to develop an approach for addressing double peak billing associated with unplanned transmission outages, considering data availability challenges and the potential need for estimation methodologies.

The OEB directed OEB staff to continue facilitating the Working Group and tasked it with the following:

- i. Develop proposals related to double peak billing refunds for unplanned transmission outages and
- ii. Examine options and developing proposals for a mechanism to enable double peak billing refunds for embedded electricity distributors.

Phase 2 of the proceeding concluded on March 31, 2026, with the issuance of a [Decision and Rate Order](#).

The Working Group

The OEB is reconvening the UTR Working Group to address the remaining scope of work set out in its November 2025 Decision and Order. The next Working Group meeting will be held virtually on Friday June 5, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. More information will be communicated to Working Group members in advance of the meeting.

The scope of the Working Group's activities may be expanded to address additional UTR-related matters that emerge in the course of its work.

By October 16, 2026, OEB staff will provide the OEB with a status update on the Working Group's progress to inform the OEB's consideration of next steps.

The previous Working Group members, as set out in the OEB's [April 29, 2025, letter](#), are invited to continue to participate in the working group:

- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario
- Distributed Resource Coalition
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Energy Storage Canada
- Entegrus Powerlines Inc.
- Environmental Defence Canada Inc.

- Glencore Canada Corporation
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

The IESO may continue to participate in the Working Group as an observer.

Working Group members granted cost eligibility in Phase 1 and/or Phase 2 of the generic proceeding will remain eligible for cost awards for their participation. Cost eligible Working Group members will be permitted to claim up to two times the actual meeting time, to allow for work related to developing the report back to the OEB panel on consensus proposals and meeting preparation. Costs awarded will be recovered from all licensed electricity transmitters, licensed electricity distributors, and the IESO, based on the OEB's Cost Assessment Model.

Please direct any questions relating to this letter to Mansi Modi at Mansi.Modi@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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