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**NOTICE OF 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 has adopted final amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) that:**
  - **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 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.**
- **The OEB is also making minor, administrative changes to align terminology in the DSC with corresponding amendments made to the Unit Sub-Metering Code (USM Code).**
- **These amendments come into force on August 1, 2026.**

The OEB is giving notice, under section 70.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (Act), of final amendments to the DSC. These 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 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**

On April 23, 2026, the OEB issued a [Notice of Proposed Amendments to the DSC](#) (April Notice) in which it proposed to establish foundational DER information sharing requirements under a new section 6.6.7. Specifically, distributors would be required, upon request, to share static information related to embedded generation facilities and storage facilities connected to their distribution systems with the IESO.

The April Notice also proposed amendments to connection agreement templates in Appendix E of the DSC to improve customer awareness, transparency and consistency across distributors and different sizes of embedded generation facilities regarding the sharing of information for authorized purposes. Also, it is expected that specific data requirements will be developed through the [IESO's ERP DER Integration project](#).

The OEB received six written comments in response to the April Notice, all of which are posted on the OEB's DER Connections Review [Engage With Us](#) project webpage. The OEB thanks stakeholders for their feedback on the proposed amendments.

The OEB has considered the stakeholder comments received and has decided that it will adopt the amendments to the DSC as proposed in the April Notice, with two non-material changes as described in section B below. The final amendments are set out in Appendices A (comparison version) and B (clean version) of this Notice.

In implementing these amendments, the OEB is guided by its objectives as set out in section 1 of the Act. The OEB believes that the amendments to the DSC will support the broader objective of optimizing DER integration across Ontario. The new section 6.6.7 will enable the IESO to access the static information necessary to support system modeling and planning, as well as forecasting and valuation activities, including those undertaken as part of the [IESO's Enabling Resources Program \(ERP\) DER Integration project](#). This, in turn, will support system reliability and enable cost-effective grid investment, ultimately benefiting energy consumers over time.

## **B. Stakeholder Comments**

### *Overview of stakeholder comments*

The OEB received written comments from six stakeholders: four from distributors individually, one from an association of distributors and one from an environmental

advocacy organization. Stakeholders were generally supportive of the proposed amendments and the OEB's broader policy intent of enabling improved coordination between distributors and the IESO in support of DER integration.

Several stakeholders asked for further detail and clarification on how the IESO's data requests will be implemented, including: the purpose and intended uses of the information collected; standardization and timing of data submissions; the leveraging of existing data sources before new requests are made; the treatment of connection feeder information for customers served by dedicated feeders; the potential for two-way information sharing between distributors and the IESO; and data privacy, cybersecurity and data governance considerations.

Further details on these comments, along with the OEB's responses, are provided in the sections that follow.

#### *Scope of supplementary information requests under section 6.6.7(e)*

Four stakeholders raised concerns about the open-ended nature of the provision that requires distributors to provide "any other static information as may be reasonably requested" by the IESO. Some recommended that section 6.6.7 be revised to articulate what constitutes a reasonable request for data or include a dispute resolution mechanism.

As noted above, further detail regarding the IESO's data needs is expected to be developed through the IESO's ERP DER Integration stakeholder engagement.

The April Notice stated that a distributor may seek clarification from the IESO if it questions whether data requested by the IESO aligns with the purpose set out in section 6.6.7. To ensure this option is clearly reflected in the DSC, the OEB is incorporating it into section 6.6.7(e) by stating that "**a distributor may, before responding to such a request, seek further information from the IESO to justify the need for, and intended use of, the information in relation to the purpose described above**". This addition is intended to enable distributors, upon receiving a request for static information not explicitly mentioned in items (a) to (d), to seek further information from the IESO regarding the request.

The OEB expects that, through the IESO's stakeholder engagement for the ERP DER Integration project, alignment will be achieved between the IESO and distributors regarding the types of data reasonably required by the IESO and the ability of distributors to provide such data. Accordingly, the OEB will not establish a separate dispute resolution mechanism, in addition to its existing dispute processes, for the purposes of section 6.6.7 of the DSC.

### Application of section 6.6.7 to DER connections

Two stakeholders requested clarification on the treatment of “future connections” and specifically at what stage of project development a DER connection becomes reportable under section 6.6.7. For clarity, section 6.6.7 applies to embedded generation facilities and storage facilities that have completed the connection process, where the connection has been finalized and energized in accordance with the applicable connection agreement.

### Privacy, cybersecurity, and data governance

One stakeholder sought additional clarity regarding privacy protections, permitted use of information and customer communication considerations, encouraging the OEB and the IESO to consider cybersecurity and data governance implications associated with expanded cross-organizational information sharing.

The OEB acknowledges the broader concerns regarding privacy, cybersecurity and data governance in the context of expanded information sharing. The OEB also notes that, the proposed amendments to the connection agreement templates in Appendix E were meant to improve customer awareness and ensure consistent disclosure of the circumstances under which information related to a customer’s embedded generation facility may be shared with the IESO for the purposes set out in section 6.6.7.

The OEB also recognizes valid concern that increased information sharing between distributors and the IESO may potentially increase data privacy risks. The OEB expects the IESO and distributors to jointly develop protocols for the secure sharing and handling of information requested under section 6.6.7 through the ERP DER Integration Project, to ensure that such information sharing does not increase privacy or data governance risks. Should significant concerns regarding these matters remain following that engagement, the OEB may consider changes to the DSC or other regulatory instruments.

One stakeholder raised the concern that sharing feeder-level information for customers served by dedicated feeders may entail increased risks of unintended disclosure of sensitive customer information. The April Notice indicated that information to the connecting station or feeder may be provided for an individual station or feeder or aggregated at an IESO-controlled connection point. The OEB is aiming to provide further clarity on this point by adding language in section 6.6.7(a) specifying that **“this information may be provided on an individual station or feeder basis or aggregated at a connection point to the IESO-controlled grid”**.

### Amendments to Appendix E

In the April Notice, the OEB also proposed amendments to the connection agreement templates in Appendix E of the DSC. The changes aim to enhance

customer awareness, transparency and consistency across distributors and embedded generation facilities of different sizes, in relation to the sharing of information for authorized purposes.

Two stakeholders sought additional guidance on communication expectations for existing customers with embedded generation facilities, transition considerations for existing connection agreements and the need for further consistency of customer communication approaches across the sector. The OEB considers that distributors are best positioned to determine how to communicate effectively with their customers and they should retain the flexibility to select the most appropriate methods to notify affected customers of information disclosure for the purposes set out in section 6.6.7.

One stakeholder raised questions on the actions distributors should take when an existing embedded generation facility customer does not wish to have their static data shared with the IESO. Under their licences, distributors are permitted to disclose customer information without a customer's consent where, among other things, the information is required to comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements (such as the DSC).

#### Other Stakeholder Comments

One stakeholder noted that section 6.6.7, as proposed, does not include a definition of "static information." The closing sentence of section 6.6.7, states that static information refers to the fixed characteristics of the embedded generation facility and does not include real-time or time-varying operational data. The OEB considers that this sentence should provide sufficient clarity.

One stakeholder raised the concern that the OEB is setting data sharing requirements before the IESO has finalized its specific data needs and articulated how it expects the data to inform its DER objectives.

The OEB notes that the deployment of DERs is a significant provincial policy priority, as set out in the [Integrated Energy Plan](#) and reflected in the IEP Directive to the OEB. The OEB remains of the view that it is appropriate to establish a flexible framework that can be responsive to the IESO's data needs and adapt to changes over time.

The OEB acknowledges the concerns regarding the need for further details regarding data sharing requirements, and will monitor the IESO's ERP DER Integration stakeholder engagement activities and how the new data sharing requirements operate in practice. Further amendments to the DSC or guidance regarding the operation of section 6.6.7 may be considered, if warranted, to ensure that data sharing requirements appropriately support the IESO's activities while avoiding undue burden for distributors.

### **C. Housekeeping Changes to the DSC to Align with the USM Code**

The OEB is taking this opportunity to advise interested parties that the OEB has made changes to four sections of the DSC to align the terminology with corresponding changes made to the USM Code.

In March 2025, the OEB adopted amendments to the USM Code in furtherance of its commitment to being a diverse, accessible and inclusive organization, including through the promotion of inclusive language. Specifically, the amendments replaced references to “master” with references to “principal”. In the March 2025, [Notice of Amendments to the USM Code](#), the OEB indicated that it proposed to make similar changes to the few instances of the word “master” in the DSC when the opportunity presents itself.

The changes to the DSC replace the word “master” with the word “principal” in four instances: section 1.2 (definition of “master consumer”), section 1.7 (the reference to the definition of “master consumer” in the Coming into Force list), section 4.2.2.5 (the reference to a “master-metered” building) and section 5.1.9 (the reference to a request from a “master consumer”).

These changes are administrative in nature and do not affect existing requirements.

### **D. Anticipated Costs and Benefits**

The anticipated costs and benefits associated with the DSC amendments described in section B above are set out in the April Notice. Interested parties should refer to that Notice for further information in that regard.

### **E. Coming into Force**

As indicated in the April Notice, the final amendments to the DSC as set out in Appendix A will come into force on **August 1, 2026**. For convenience, the housekeeping changes outlined in section C above will come into effect on the same day as the final DER-related amendments.

### **F. Cost Awards**

Cost awards related to this consultation will be addressed in separate correspondence.

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

Yours truly,

Ritchie Murray  
Registrar

Attachments:

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

Appendix B – Final Amendments to the Distribution System Code – Clean Version

**Appendix A**  
**to**  
**Notice of Amendments to the Distribution System Code**  
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**Final Amendments to the Distribution System Code -**  
**Comparison Version to the Current Code**

*Note: Underlined text indicates additions to the Code. Strikethrough text indicates deletions to the Code*

## **1.2 Definitions**

“~~master~~ principal consumer” means the exempt distributor or the person authorized by Ontario Regulation 389/10 to retain a unit smart meter provider for the prescribed property being served by the licensed distributor;

## **1.7 Coming into Force**

The amendments to sections 1.2 (namely the addition of the definitions for “exempt distributor”, “~~master~~ principal consumer”, “prescribed property”, “unit smart meter”, and “unit smart metering”), 5.1.7, 5.1.9, and 5.3.13, made by the Board on December 16, 2010, come into force on January 1, 2011.

### **4.2.2.5**

Where a distributor issues a disconnection notice for non-payment in respect of the disconnection of a multi-unit, ~~master~~ principal-metered building, the distributor shall post a copy of the disconnection notice in a conspicuous place on or in the building promptly after issuance of the notice.

## **5.1.9 Metering Requirements**

When requested to do so by a ~~master~~ principal consumer, a distributor shall install unit smart meters that meet the specifications prescribed by Ontario Regulation 389/10.

## **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. This information may be provided on an individual station or feeder basis or aggregated at a connection point to the IESO-controlled grid;
- (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 may, before responding to such a request, seek further information from the IESO to justify the need for, and intended use of, the information in relation to 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.

**Appendix B**  
**to**  
**Notice of Amendments to the Distribution System Code**  
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**Final Amendments to the Distribution System Code -**  
**Clean Version Showing Sections as Amended**

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