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**To: All Rate-regulated Licensed Electricity Distributors**

**Re: Filing Requirements Regarding the Disposition of LRAMVA Balances for 2021 Rates and the Treatment of Consumer Information**

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The intent of this letter is to clarify the filing requirements for 2021 rates and the treatment of consumer information contained in information supporting the clearance of energy- and/or demand-related Lost Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Variance Account (LRAMVA) balances.

As noted in Section 2.4.6 of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) [Chapter 2 Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications](#) (and Section 3.2.6.1 of [Chapter 3](#)), Cost of Service and Incentive Rate-Setting applications to dispose of amounts in the LRAMVA must include support for the proposed balances. Where final verified results from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) are not available, Participation & Cost Reports and if applicable, detailed project level savings files, should be submitted to support the clearance of energy- and/or demand-related LRAMVA balances. This letter clarifies that where Participation and Cost Reports are available, detailed project level savings files are only required if there are additional savings claimed in the LRAMVA workform that are not included in the Participation & Cost Reports.

Distributors received their final Participation & Cost Report from the IESO covering the period ending April 15, 2019. If a distributor seeks to claim program savings to December 31, 2019, it must provide an explanation as to how savings have been estimated based on the available data and/or rationale to justify the eligibility of the program savings.

In relation to the project level savings reports used to support LRAMVA claims, as distributors are aware, these documents may contain personal information (such as residential customers' names, addresses, postal codes, phone numbers, and email addresses) and/or business information that may be commercially sensitive (such as facility consumption information and production information). This letter clarifies that personal information and commercially sensitive information is not needed to support LRAMVA claims and should not be filed. Distributors should manually delete any personal information or commercially sensitive information in the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets or any other documentation that is filed with the OEB.

In the event that a distributor is of the view that it needs to file the Microsoft Excel spreadsheets or any other documentation with all of the information included, then the documents must be filed in accordance with the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules). For personal information, the documents must be filed in accordance with Rule 9A of the Rules – namely there must be redacted and un-redacted versions of the documents. For the commercially sensitive information, a distributor should use Rule 10 of the Rules and request confidentiality for the information.

Any enquiries regarding this letter should be directed to the OEB's Industry Relations email address at [industryrelations@oeb.ca](mailto:industryrelations@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

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