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To: All Participants in EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288
All Licensed Electricity Distributors and Transmitters and All Rate-Regulated
Natural Gas Distributors
All Other Interested Stakeholders

**Re: Utility Remuneration (EB-2018-0287) and Responding to Distributed Energy
Resources (EB-2018-0288)
Written Comment Phase Following September Stakeholder Meeting**

On September 17 – 19, 2019, the OEB held a stakeholder meeting to receive input on the objectives, issues and guiding principles for Utility Remuneration and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (DERs). The July invitation letter indicated following the meeting staff would prepare a report describing the input received and setting out a proposal outlining objectives, issues and guiding principles for each initiative.

Over the three meeting days, stakeholders made presentations and discussed potential approaches to responding to sector evolution. Toward the conclusion of the meeting, some stakeholders requested the opportunity to provide written comments prior to OEB staff's report. They noted the benefits of being able to synthesize their views given the breadth of the issues and diversity of views expressed, as well as the opportunity to express any refinements or changes to their views that may have arisen over the course of the meeting.

In light of this feedback, the OEB has elected to make provision for written comments from stakeholders that summarize their views on what the objectives, specific problems or issues to be addressed and guiding principles should be for each of these initiatives.

All interested stakeholders are welcome to submit written comments by October 18, 2019. Filing instructions are included in Attachment A.

The OEB has also determined that costs will be available to those participants that have been determined by the OEB to be eligible, as follows:

Activity Eligible for Cost Awards	Max. Number of Hours
Written comments summarizing views on objectives, issues and guiding principles for each initiative	10 hours

Any questions relating to the Utility Remuneration initiative (EB-2018-0287) should be directed to Lenore Robson at Lenore.Robson@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8141.

Any questions relating to the Responding to DERs initiative (EB-2018-0288) should be directed to Rachel Anderson at Rachel.Anderson@oeb.ca or at 416-544-5150.

The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Attachment A: Filing Instructions

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Parties must submit electronic copies of filings in searchable/unrestricted Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format through the OEB's web portal at www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice. Parties will need a user ID to make filings through the OEB's web portal. If a party does not have a user ID, visit the "e-filings services" webpage on the OEB's website at www.oeb.ca and fill out a user ID password request.

Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the document entitled "RESS Document Preparation – A Quick Guide" also found on the e-filing services webpage. If the OEB's web portal is not available, electronic copies of filings may be filed by e-mail to boardsec@oeb.ca. If a party does not have internet access, they may provide a USB flash drive containing your filing in PDF format as described above to the Board Secretary at the following address:

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All filings to the OEB must be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required date. Filings must quote the applicable file number(s)¹ and include a party's name, address, telephone number and, where available, an e-mail address and fax number. All filings received by the OEB in relation to this consultation will be available for viewing at the OEB's offices and will be placed on the OEB's website.

¹ Utility Remuneration (EB-2018-0287); Responding to DERs (EB-2018-0288)