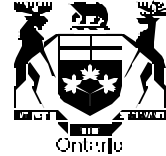


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TO: All Licensed Electricity Distributors & Retailers

RE: Amendment to the Retail Settlement Code

On July 23, 2001, the Board informed distributors and retailers that based on its assessment of the self-certification stage 1 filings by distributors the date for filing the stage 2 self-certification statement should be extended. The Board proposed amending chapter 13 of the Retail Settlement Code to provide for filing of the stage 2 statement by December 14, 2001. The Board provided the opportunity for parties to comment on the proposed amendment by July 27, 2001.

The Board has reviewed the comments received and has determined that the date for filing of self-certification statement #2 should be amended to December 14, 2001. Based on the comments received and the review of the stage 1 filings by distributors the Board considers the extended date to be sufficient to allow all distributors to achieve market readiness. The revised Code with the amendments to chapter 13 is available on the Board's website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

The Board is currently reviewing a revised Market Readiness Plan and Gantt chart that will be issued shortly.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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