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**To: All Rate-Regulated Electricity Distributors, Electricity Transmitters, and Natural Gas Distributors
Intervenors in all 2026 and 2027 Rebasing/Cost of Service Proceedings for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters
All Other Interested Stakeholders**

Re: Updated Chapter 1 Filing Requirements for Electricity Distributors and Transmitters

What You Need to Know

- The OEB has updated Chapter 1 Filing Requirements for electricity distribution rate applications and electricity transmission applications, effective for all new applications, to clarify the requirement for applicants to provide a letter from the governing body certifying that it is aware of and approved the submission of the application.

Today, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued an updated version of its *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2026 Edition for 2027 Rate Applications* (Distribution Rates Filing Requirements) – Chapter 1: Overview. The OEB has also issued an updated version of its *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications* (Transmission Filing Requirements) – Chapter 1: Overview.

Chapter 1 of both Distribution and Transmission Rates Filing Requirements outlines generic procedural matters and the expectations of the OEB for parties participating in rate-setting processes and, for transmission, leave to construct processes.

Attestations

The Attestations sections require an applicant to provide a letter from the governing body (e.g., Board of Directors) certifying that it is aware of and approved the submission of the application.

The OEB has updated Chapter 1 of each of the Distribution Rates Filing Requirements and Transmission Filing Requirements to clarify that a letter from the applicant's governing body is only required for rebasing applications. Any utility filing a Custom Incentive Rate-Setting application should be informed and guided by the respective distribution and transmission filing requirements.

For clarity, a letter from the applicant's governing body is not required for electricity distribution incentive rate-setting mechanism or custom incentive rate-setting annual update applications or leave to construct and annual update applications for electricity transmitters. This does not preclude the OEB from requiring such attestations for applications that include significant new cost recovery requests.

Implementation

The OEB reminds distributors and transmitters that the Distribution Rates Filing Requirements and Transmission Filing Requirements, respectively, represent the OEB's expectations for new applications filed with the OEB.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Registrar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Attachments:

- *Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2026 Edition for 2027 Rate Applications, Chapter 1*
- *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications – Chapter 1*