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OEB amends its Distribution System Code

Toronto – The Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) today introduced amendments to Section 3 of the Distribution System Code (the “Code”). These amendments, which take effect 180 days from today's date, relate to expansions, alternative bids, and enhancements in the electricity distribution sector.

After receiving stakeholder comments, the Board amended the Code to help ensure provisions are clear, effective, fair and transparent. The amendments are meant to encourage a uniform approach across electricity distributors in the province with respect to the treatment of consumers who request connections and/or expansions to the distribution system.

The Code amendments are meant to:

- improve transparency in relation to the exchange of information between a distributor and its consumers;
- ensure a uniform and consistent approach to expansion processes;
- establish a fairer allocation of costs between a distributor and a consumer; and
- clarify rules related to the collection of expansion deposits.

The amendments can be found on the Board's Web site at:

www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/onngoingprojects_dsc_chapter3.htm

The Ontario Energy Board regulates the province's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest. It envisions a healthy and efficient energy sector with informed consumers, and works towards this vision through regulatory processes that are effective, fair and transparent.

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