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## VIA FAX and COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: Ontario Power Generation Inc.'s Submission Related to the Board's Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code and the Retail Settlement Code - Board File No.:EB-2006-0226

Enclosed please find eight paper copies and one electronic copy of Ontario Power Generation Inc.'s (OPG) submission related to the Board's proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code and the Retail Settlement Code.

OPG appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to facilitate the connection of new embedded generation facilities to distribution systems. If there are any questions with respect to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Andrew Barrett

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**IN THE MATTER OF** the Board's proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code and the Retail Settlement Code

Submission of

**Ontario Power Generation Inc. ("OPG")** 

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# Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code and the Retail Settlement Code

## **OPG Submission**

### Introduction

OPG appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Ontario Energy Board's (Board) proposed amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC). OPG supports the Board's efforts to clarify the roles and responsibilities of distributors and their customers, including generators like OPG. Overall, OPG commends the Board for its efforts to provide amendments that balance the interests of customer and distributors in relation to the management, operation and reliability of the distribution system. OPG also supports the Board's intention to update the technical provisions of the DSC in a timely manner.

OPG has reviewed the Board's proposed amendments and offers the following comments related to the liability and indemnification provisions of the DSC and the standard form connection agreement for embedded generation facilities 10 MW and less.

### Liability and Indemnification Provisions

The proposed amendments have not addressed the issue of including two different liability standards in the DSC, found in sections 2.2 and 6.2.26. OPG submits that there should only be one standards of liability in the DSC. We recommend that section 6.2.26 be deleted for the following reasons. First, section 2.2 adequately covers potential liability for damages and is consistent with the liability provisions of the Distribution System Code. In addition, through the technical review processes of the DSC, the distributor will have many opportunities to ensure that its system is adequately protected. Maintaining section 6.2.26 in the DSC is confusing and poses a significant barrier to the development of embedded generation.

### **Standard Connection Agreements**

OPG concurs with the Board's direction that simple standard connection agreements (with appropriate site specific schedules) should be included in the DSC for new small or midsized embedded generation facilities (10 MW or less). We agree that standardization will enhance transparency and minimize the cost and time for connecting new embedded generation. With regard to existing facilities, however, OPG recommends that the Board confirm that it does not intend to require existing connection agreements to be re-executed to conform to the new connection agreement structure. OPG has spent considerable effort to negotiate DSCs for some of its smaller generation facilities and does not want to see that effort wasted.

OPG appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the DSC and looks forward to participating in the next phase to address the technical provisions of the DSC. OPG urges the Board to ensure that any technical changes to the DSC facilitate the development of new generation projects in the province.