



January 15, 2015

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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Via web portal and by courier

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Wireless Attachment Consultation Board File No. EB - 2014- 0365**

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) is the voice of Ontario's local electricity distribution sector, which consists primarily of municipally and privately owned local distribution companies (LDCs). The distribution sector delivers power to Ontarians through 4.9 million residential, commercial and institutional customer accounts. The sector employs 10,000 people directly and holds \$19 billion in assets; it has \$1.9 billion in annual capital spending and \$1.6 billion in annual operational spending; and makes hundreds of millions in direct contributions to both municipal and provincial governments.

The EDA has consulted with its membership on the question whether all distributors should have their licences amended under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to allow market rates to be charged for wireless attachments. Members supported the concept and suggested that there may be merit in allowing distributors to retain a portion of the incremental net revenues as an added incentive to negotiate effectively. This will encourage and incent distributors to look to maximize the utilization and value of assets. Customers would benefit from these efforts through the sharing of net incremental revenues.

The EDA supports granting all Ontario distributors a licence exemption to charge market rates for wireless attachments to poles. The EDA looks forward to the next steps in this consultation which should include a review of the sharing of net incremental revenues obtained from market rates.

Yours truly,

"Original Signed"

Teresa Sarkesian  
Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs