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**To: All Rate-regulated Electricity Distributors  
All Intervenors in 2020 Electricity Distribution Rate Applications  
All Other Interested Parties**

**Re: Inflation Adjustment for Energy Retailer Service Charges (EB-2019-0280)  
and Wireline Pole Attachment Charge (EB-2015-0304) for Electricity  
Distributors**

In accordance with the November 29, 2018 [Report of the Ontario Energy Board: Energy Retailer Service Charges](#), the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Decision and Rate Order today updating the generic retailer service charges for rate-regulated electricity distributors by the OEB inflation factor, effective **January 1, 2020**. The OEB recently announced that the inflation factor for 2020 will be 2.0%.<sup>1</sup> The inflation-adjusted retailer service charges are set out in the enclosed Decision and Rate Order.

Electricity distributors are also reminded that, pursuant to the [Report of the OEB: Wireline Pole Attachment Charges](#) issued on March 22, 2018, the generic pole attachment charge for wireline telecom attachments is also subject to an annual inflation adjustment, beginning in 2020 (there was no inflation adjustment in 2019). Effective **January 1, 2020**, the pole attachment charge will be **\$44.50** per attacher per year per pole. This is derived by adjusting the current charge of \$43.63 by the 2.0% inflation factor. This charge has effect further to each electricity distributor's licence condition regarding pole access, such that a generic rate order is not required.

In preparation for any rate orders to be issued going forward for 2020 rates, the OEB will update the Tariff of Rates and Charges for all current rate applications before the OEB to reflect the November 28, 2019 Decision and Order and the updated pole attachment charge.

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<sup>1</sup> See the announcement on the OEB website at: <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/electricity-distribution-rates/2020-electricity-distribution-rate>.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Vince Mazzone at [vince.mazzone@oeb.ca](mailto:vince.mazzone@oeb.ca) or 416-544-5159. The OEB's toll free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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