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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board's Application to Consider Potential Alternative Approaches to Recover Costs of Expanding Natural Gas Service to Communities that are not Currently Served (EB 2016-0004)  
Ontario Sustainable Energy Association ("OSEA") Comment on Draft Issues List**

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OSEA provides the following comments on the Draft Issues List pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1 dated February 10, 2016.

OSEA submits that the Ontario Energy Board and natural gas distributors should be required to consider sustainable energy when establishing a framework for expansion of natural gas service to new communities.<sup>1</sup>

The Draft Issues List should be revised to require the Ontario Energy Board to consider:

- a) what conditions to impose on natural gas distributors to assess sustainable energy technologies prior to filing applications to expand to new communities
- b) what conditions to impose on natural gas distributors to incorporate sustainable energy technologies based on meeting certain thresholds in the assessment process above, and
- c) how the costs of incorporating or installing sustainable energy technologies shall be considered in the funding mechanism, given the overall environmental benefits that accrue to

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<sup>1</sup> Sustainable energy may include: (i) conservation, energy efficiency and demand management, (ii) renewable heat and electricity generation, (iii) high efficiency combined heat and power and district energy, (iv) energy storage, (v) green buildings, (vi) smart-grids, (vii) transportation that is powered by hydrogen, electricity, human or animal energy and other non-fossil fuels, and (viii) community, public and commercial ownership of these structures.



all customers and potential GHG emission reductions which will either potentially decrease the number of GHG emission credits required by the natural gas distributor or create GHG offset credits for the natural gas distributor.

Yours truly,

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