

March 23, 2017

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27th Floor, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli,

RE: **Proposed Amendment to the Distribution System Code**
OEB File No.: EB-2017-0125

On March 9, 2017 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) gave notice under section 70.2 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEB Act) of a proposed amendment to the Distribution System Code (DSC), which proposes to revise the DSC by deleting section 5.4.1 of the DSC in its entirety (the “Notice”). Section 5.4.1 of the DSC currently requires distributors to enter into an agreement with the Smart Metering Entity (SME) or Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), in a form approved by the OEB, upon being requested to do so.¹

The SME supports the proposed amendment of the DSC and agrees with the OEB that the SME has the requisite statutory authority under the *Electricity Act, 1998*² and s.3.2 of its licence³ to effectively and reliably carry out its mandate.

The SME and LDCs have effectively and cooperatively worked together under the SME/LDC Agreement since it was first approved by the OEB in January 2013. Since the OEB’s decision to renew the SME’s licence (EB-2016-0284) without renewing the SME/LDC Agreement was

¹ Distribution System Code s.5.4.1:

A distributor shall, upon being requested to do so, enter into an agreement with the Smart Metering Entity or the IESO, in a form approved by the Board, which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the distributor and the Smart Metering Entity or the IESO in relation to metering and the information required to be exchanged to allow for the conduct of these respective roles and responsibilities.

² *Electricity Act, 1998* Part IV.2 The Smart Metering Entity, sections 53.8 and 53.14

³ Smart Metering Entity Licence, ES-2016-0284, section 3.2

The Licensee shall require licensed Distributors to provide information associated with each meter (modified where necessary to sufficiently render it non-personal information) as required by the Licensee in order to ensure that the Licensee is able to effectively and reliably carry out its mandate.

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issued the SME and LDCs have continued to work together to allow the LDCs to provide, and the SME to collect, the additional information required by the OEB beginning January 1, 2017.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sorana Ionescu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a period at the end.

Sorana Ionescu
Director, Smart Metering Entity