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To: All Interested Stakeholders

**Re: Stakeholder Forum on January 16, 2019
Report of the Advisory Committee on Innovation to the OEB
Board File No.: EB-2018-0287**

In January 2018, the OEB convened the Advisory Committee on Innovation to assist the OEB in sharpening its focus on enhancing efficiency, cost effectiveness, innovation and value for electricity customers. The Committee's focus was to identify actions that a regulator can take that will support and enable cost effective innovation, grid modernization, and consumer choice to help inform regulatory policy development. The Terms of Reference for the ACI is included in Attachment A to this letter.

On November 21, 2018, the Committee provided its Report to the Chair of the OEB with its recommendations. A copy of that Report is included in Attachment B to this letter.

The OEB is seeking input from a broader group of stakeholders on how it should proceed with initiatives to support the evolution of the sector. As a first step, it will hold a Stakeholder Forum on January 16, 2019. At the event, the Chair of the Committee, Paul Murphy, will provide an overview of the Report's recommendations. Interested stakeholders will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

This input, along with the Committee's recommendations, will help to inform the OEB's ongoing regulatory policy priorities and preliminary sequencing and scoping of specific initiatives to develop regulatory reforms. Further consultation will occur, as appropriate, as initiatives proceed.

Questions for Stakeholder Input

In addition to any comments stakeholders may wish to provide at the forum, the OEB will be seeking stakeholder input and advice on the following areas:

1. What actions should be the highest priority for the OEB?
2. What interdependencies should be considered for planning and sequencing the OEB's next steps regarding further policy development and consultations?
3. Are there any gaps or complementary areas of inquiry that need to be considered?

Parties are invited to consider in particular how their input could help the OEB most effectively address some of the interconnected strategic challenges outlined in the OEB's *Strategic Blueprint: Keeping Pace with an Evolving Energy Sector*, released in December 2017:

- **Transformation & Consumer Value:** How can the OEB help ensure that the evolution of the sector brings a stronger focus on demonstrable value for consumers?
- **Innovation & Consumer Choice:** How can the OEB incent and enable innovation that enhances consumer choice and control?

Stakeholder Event Details

The Stakeholder Forum will take place in the OEB's West Hearing Room, 25th floor, 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be broadcast over the web to allow remote participation.

Stakeholders that intend to participate in the meeting are asked to email notice of their intention to ruta.budininkas@oeb.ca by January 7, 2019. Emails should include **"EB-2018-0287 ACI Stakeholder Attendance"** in the subject line and provide the following information:

- participant / organization name;
- name(s) of attendees to be registered;
- whether the participant intends to attend in person or by web; and
- a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address.

All interested parties are welcome to submit written comments on the recommendations in the Report by January 25, 2019.

Materials for this event will be posted on the OEB's website.

Any questions relating to this initiative should be directed to Rachel Anderson at Rachel.Anderson@oeb.ca or at 416-544-5150. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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Attachment A – Advisory Committee on Innovation Terms of Reference
Attachment B – Advisory Committee on Innovation: Report to the Chair of the Ontario
Energy Board