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BY EMAIL

January 2, 2019

Theresa Sarkesian President & CEO Electricity Distributors Association 3700 Steeles Avenue W., Suite 1100 Vaughan ON L4L 8K8

Re: Request for Extension to Comment, EB-2016-0003

Dear Ms. Sarkesian,

We are responding to your letter of December 21, 2018 regarding a request by the Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) for an extension to the date to provide comments on the Supplemental Proposed Amendment to the Distribution System Code set out in the OEB's Notice issued December 18, 2019. The current date for comments set out in the Notice is January 9, 2018 and the EDA is seeking to extend the date for comments to January 22, 2019.

In your letter, you referred to Notice of Final Amendments to the Transmission System Code and the Distribution System Code. Other than the Supplemental Proposed Amendment, the Code amendments in the Notice are final and it is only the minor amendment in section C (and Attachment C) which is the Supplemental Proposed Amendment for which the OEB is accepting comments. As stated in the December 18th Notice:

The OEB views this as a clarification to achieve alignment with new section 3.6.1 (i.e., only large C&I customers pay). The OEB is therefore proposing to amend section 3.2.4 to exempt residential developers from paying a capital contribution, where the *distribution* expansion involves an upstream *transmission* asset that has been *deemed* to be a *distribution* asset.

Given the very limited nature of the proposed amendment, the OEB will not be extending the period for comments.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Cincar at Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7696.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

cc: Kathi Farmer, EDA (<u>kfarmer@eda-on.ca</u>)