ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF the consultation with respect to the Ontario Energy Board's approach to Utility Remuneration

AND IN THE MATTER OF the consultation with respect to the Ontario Energy Board's approach to Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

- 1. The School Energy Coalition ("SEC") applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
- 1. SEC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board's website, here:
 - http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/589545/File/document
- 2. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Issues to be Addressed

- 3. SEC's intended participation will focus on:
 - a. Regulatory actions or approaches necessary or desirable to ensure that customers have confidence in the oversight of the sector, and in their ability to make choices about products and services free from any disadvantages or disincentives arising from regulatory actions;
 - b. The techniques and methods that can be used to structure utility compensation, and their respective impacts on customers and utilities, including the implicit incentives in each of those techniques and methods, and the flexibility of each technique or method to respond to change in the future;
 - c. Methods by which the regulatory construct can be modified to strengthen utility incentives to structure their businesses around the principle of maximizing value for customers with every action they take;
 - d. The strengths and weaknesses of the Renewed Regulatory Framework, particularly as it relates to existing and future changes in the role of utilities;

- e. The potential impacts of DERs on utilities and customers;
- f. The changing structure of the DER market, including the types of organizations that both provide and utilize DERs, and the relationship of those business activities to the businesses of regulated utilities;
- g. All methods of reducing or eliminating the risks to customers of utility and customer stranded assets;
- h. The ability and willingness of utilities to be innovative in response to changing market conditions, or in response to customer preferences, and potential regulatory actions to support, enable, or optimize such innovation:
- i. Regulatory resources required to deal effectively with the issues raised;
- j. Such other issues and concerns that may arise in the course of these consultations, or may be identified by the Board for inclusion; and
- k. Generally to represent the interests of school boards and their students in this process.

The Intervenor's Intended Participation

4. SEC intends to participate in all aspects of the consultation for both initiatives. To the extent that it includes any discovery, hearing, or submission processes, SEC expects to participate fully in those processes. If evidence is sought or allowed by the Board, SEC may, depending on the circumstances, seek to lead evidence on one or more issues.

Counsel/Representative

- 5. SEC requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor's counsel, as follows:
 - a. School Energy Coalition: (electronic copies only)

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b. SEC's counsel: (both electronic and paper copies)

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this March 20, 2019.

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