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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA)
Intervention and Cost Eligibility Request re Utility Remuneration and Responding
to Distributed Energy Resources
Board File Nos. EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288**

Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP is counsel for OSEA. OSEA intends to participate in the Board's proceedings regarding utility remuneration and responding to Distributed Energy Resources ("DERs") and seeks cost award eligibility for this consultation initiative. OSEA may retain an expert to assist.

OSEA AND ITS INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING

OSEA is a public interest organization that works towards a sustainable energy future. This includes ensuring funding and rates that encourage conservation and the incorporation of renewable energy. OSEA serves as an advocate, network and capacity builder for individuals, manufacturers, installers, builders, developers, municipalities, First Nations, unions, farmers, co-operatives, NGO's, associations and other organizations supportive of, and engaged in, the full portfolio of sustainability energy solutions. Its membership consists of several non-profit and community organizations that advocate for a variety of interest groups including ratepayers. OSEA is Ontario's lead advocate and facilitator for sector transformation to a more sustainable energy economy.

OSEA supports an energy system in Ontario that is both ecologically and economically sustainable. OSEA has an interest in utilities and other market participants embracing innovation

in their operations, including innovation relating to energy efficiency, storage, smart grid technology and other technologies that promote sustainability and renewable energy generation.

OSEA is currently intervening in the Board's related rate design solutions proceeding (EB-2015-0043) and intends to provide comments in both that proceeding and this proceeding about the importance of adoption of DERs.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF OSEA'S INTENDED PARTICIPATION

OSEA actively participates in Board proceedings and intends to provide meaningful comments on the Board Staff scoping paper in writing and through the stakeholder conference, and further participate in steps beyond this once determined by the Board.

COSTS

In accordance with Section 3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, OSEA believes that it is eligible for an award of costs as it represents potentially affected customers as well as a public interest relative to the Board's mandate (s. 3.03(b)) and OSEA members are persons with interests that will be affected by the outcome of the process (s. 2.3.03(c)). OSEA is a not for profit organization that is committed to representing the public interest on energy policy matters that contribute or impede energy conservation and sustainable energy development for Ontario.

OSEA's members, both individuals and organizations, are interested in the development of sustainable energy in Ontario as consumers, individuals and citizens of Ontario. OSEA has been awarded costs by the Board in previous hearings, and the Board recognized that OSEA can provide "an important and unique perspective" in EB 2011-0118. OSEA can continue to provide an important and unique perspective in the current consultation initiative. OSEA does not have the funds of its own to allocate towards its meaningful participation in this matter.

REPRESENTATIVES

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Yours truly,



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