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Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Re: EB-2019-0003 The Atmospheric Fund's Participation Request Letter

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a public agency established in 1991 by the City of Toronto and endowed by the City and the Province of Ontario. TAF works closely with stakeholders across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to test and advance innovative programs to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution. However, the views expressed in this submission do not necessarily represent those of the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario or other GTHA stakeholders.

TAF requests the Board to provide TAF with the opportunity to participate in the consultation process that the OEB is undertaking to develop a post-2020 Demand Side Management (DSM) framework for natural gas distributors.

In the GTHA, buildings account for 44% of emissions sources and a primary source of carbon emissions is the use of natural gas in buildings. As such, the OEB's plan to develop a DSM framework for natural gas distributors presents a critical opportunity to help achieve carbon reductions and support economic growth in Toronto and across the Province.

TAF was engaged in the development of the previous DSM framework and we remain dedicated to supporting the development of this new framework as it aligns with our vision to improve energy efficiency and significantly reduce the carbon intensity of buildings. We are happy to work with industry leaders to advance low-carbon solutions that support an energy system that is both clean and affordable.

TAF would like to engage in this consultation to help shape the principles, goals and objectives, and scope of the post-2020 DSM framework. As such, we intend to participate in person in the Stakeholder Meeting being held on Thursday, June 13th.

TAF will not be requesting cost eligibility.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing our request to participate in this consultation.
Please don't hesitate to contact us directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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