



August 26, 2019

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor  
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Re: Consultation on Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Connections Review Initiative  
AMPCO Request for Eligibility for Costs  
Board File No. EB-2019-0207

Dear Ms. Walli:

I am writing pursuant to the Board's Notice dated August 13, 2019, regarding the above consultation to request participant status and eligibility for cost awards.

### **AMPCO's Interest**

AMPCO is a not-for-profit consumer interest advocacy organization. AMPCO's members represent Ontario's major industries: forestry, chemical, mining and minerals, steel, petroleum products, cement, automotive and manufacturing and business consumers in general. AMPCO members are major investors, major employers and a major part of communities in which we operate, across Ontario.

AMPCO's interest in the Board's regulation of the electricity sector relates generally to the interests of consumers with respect to price, adequacy, reliability and quality of electricity service, and, more particularly, to how costs are allocated to, and rates are designed to recover costs from, industrial customers.

AMPCO and its member companies are well known to the Board. AMPCO participates in many electricity rate proceedings, working groups, consultations and initiatives of the Ontario Energy Board in which matters relevant to customers and Ontario's large electricity consumers are being addressed. AMPCO has previously been approved by the Board as eligible for cost awards in relation to the above activities.

The DER Connections Review is focused on addressing: connection process timelines, connection cost responsibility matters and technical connection requirements both for the distribution system and any requirements of transmitters for connection DERs. It's AMPCO's understanding the DER Connections Review initiative will be coordinated with the Responding to Distributed Energy Resources consultation.

The nature of AMPCO's interest in this consultation relates to the following issues:

- The underlying need for standardization and clarity of definitions
- Adequate consideration of consumer perspective
- Impact on costs and timelines

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We respectfully request that the Board please confirm AMPCO's eligibility for an award of costs in this matter.

**Notice**

Please serve all correspondence pertaining to this proceeding to AMPCO 's consultant as follows:

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I trust this letter will suffice for the Board to grant participant status to AMPCO and to confirm AMPCO's eligibility for a cost award.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely yours,

*(Original Signed By)*

Colin Anderson  
President  
Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario