

Ms. Christine Long
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Ontario Energy Board
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April 30, 2020

Re: The matter of utility remuneration and responding to distributed energy resources EB-2018-0287/0288

Dear Ms. Long:

TAF supports the key recommendations espoused in the Letter of Comment dated April 30th, 2020, submitted by Environmental Defence regarding the utility remuneration and responding to distributed energy resources consultation.

As the regional climate agency for the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, TAF is strongly in favour of the ten recommendations put forward by Environmental Defence. These recommendations provide a strong basis for moving forward on the issue of utility remuneration and addressing distributed energy resources. These considerations – and the other considerations raised by Environmental Defence – must be considered in order to protect ratepayer interests and will help incentivize utilities and customers to innovate and lower energy costs for all Ontarians.


Please refer to Environmental Defence's Letter of Comment on the board staff proposals for a detailed rationale for the inclusion of these issues.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing TAF's comments.

Sincerely yours,



Bryan Purcell
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The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency that invests in low-carbon solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and helps scale them up for broad implementation. Please note that the views expressed in this submission do not necessarily represent those of the City of Toronto or other GTHA stakeholders. We are experienced leaders and collaborate with stakeholders in the private, public and non-profit sectors who have ideas and opportunities for reducing carbon emissions. Supported by endowment funds, we advance the most promising concepts by investing, providing grants, influencing policies and running programs. We're particularly interested in ideas that offer benefits in addition to carbon reduction such as improving people's health, creating local jobs, boosting urban resiliency, and contributing to a fair society.