

October 15, 2020

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**Re: Consultation on the Deferral Account – Impacts Arising from the COVID-19
Emergency – Next Steps
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2020-0133**

Dear Ms. Long:

The Ontario Energy Association (OEA) is writing on behalf of the following member organizations: Alectra Utilities Corporation, Elexicon Energy Inc, Enbridge Gas Inc., Hydro One Networks Inc., Hydro Ottawa Limited, and Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (collectively, CLD+). We are writing with respect to the Consultation on the Deferral Account (EB-2020-0133) and the implications for this consultation stemming from the September 24, 2020 letter from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

The CLD+ is supportive of this OEB initiative and is appreciative of the diligent and significant efforts that OEB staff have undertaken to date to continuing moving these issues forward under difficult circumstances. We would like to make a specific request with respect to EB-2020-0133.

Provide Scope of Work for COVID-19 Deferral Account Study

The CLD+ notes that the OEB provided a scope of work for the London Economics International LLC (LEI) COVID-19 Impact Study. However, it did not provide the scope of work for the additional reports commissioned from LEI to support the COVID-19 deferral account consultation:

- A Report on Gains and Losses from Differences in Load
- A Report on Regulatory Principles, Policies and Accounting Treatments Applied in Other Jurisdictions in Response to COVID-19
- A Report on Cost of Capital Parameters



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The CLD+ believes that to provide greater clarity and transparency the OEB should provide the scope of work for these additional reports to stakeholders, so they can prepare comments or submit clarification questions accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vince Brescia".

Vince Brescia
President & CEO