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Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (the Applicant)
2021 Cost of Service Rates Application
Board File No.: EB-2020-0040

We are counsel to the Distributed Resource Coalition (**DRC**) in the above noted proceeding and are in receipt of the Board's December 4, 2020 Decision on Issues List (the **Decision**), rejecting DRC's proposed additions to the issues list (the **Proposed Issues**). The Decision states that the Board "does not find it necessary to expand the scope of the proceeding further, to explore and test the evidence regarding Niagara Peninsula Energy's [non-wires alternatives (**NWAs**)] investment plans."

We respectfully request the Board's clarification as to whether or not, by rejecting the Proposed issues, the Board:

- a. has accepted the Applicant's NWA and related financial evidence without a hearing; or
- b. intends that the NWA and related financial evidence will be heard and considered by the Board pursuant to Issue 1 in the Approved Issues List.

Sincerely,

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