



Ms. Christine Long
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Re: EB-2020-0176 Regional Planning Process Review Consultation – Supporting Pollution Probe's nomination of Michael Brophy to the RPPAG

Dear Ms. Long:

The Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA) commends the OEB for undertaking this important and timely initiative to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of Ontario's current regional planning process.

CanREA was established on July 1, 2020 when the Canadian Wind Energy Association and the Canadian Solar Industries Association united to create one voice for wind energy, solar energy and energy storage solutions. As a not-for-profit, membership-based national trade association, we are active across Canada, and we have taken an active role in recent OEB proceedings including the DER Connections Review, and Utility Remuneration and Responding to DERs engagements.

In these and other consultation processes, we have sought to advocate on behalf of DER proponents and Ontario consumers for their ability to choose to meet their energy needs through DER solutions, particularly solar PV and battery storage, and for greater recognition of the role of DERs in enabling a low-cost, flexible and decarbonized energy system for the benefit of all ratepayers.

CanREA supports Pollution Probe's nomination of Michael Brophy to the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG). Having worked alongside Mr. Brophy on the Process sub-group of the OEB DER Connections Review over the past year, we believe his thoughtful perspective, in-depth technical knowledge and decades of industry experience would make him an exceptionally strong addition to the RPPAG.

Sincerely,

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