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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Attn: Christine Long, Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2020-0176 – Regional Planning Process Review Consultation

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). We write to nominate Mark Rubenstein to the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (“RPPAG”). We apologize for the late filing of this letter, which was the result of the holiday period, and issues with the OEB website this weekend.

Mark Rubenstein has been counsel to SEC in many proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board, and in those proceeding has taken a leadership role among customer group intervenors in, among other things, reviewing utility distribution and transmission system plans. This of course has included reviewing Regional Infrastructure Planning and proposed expenditures that arise from them. He has developed a broad base of knowledge on the relevant issues.

Mr. Rubenstein’s experience would provide the RPPAG with a strong understanding of the issues in the regional planning process from the perspective of customers who will be asked to pay for the investment decisions that arise from it. As the IESO Straw Man recommendation 1.6 notes, regional plans should better consider cost allocation during the development of the plan.

Mr. Rubenstein has been a member of a number of other OEB working groups, including the one convened as part of the Board’s Regional Planning and Cost Allocation Consultation. (EB-2016-0003).

Mr. Rubenstein can be contacted at:



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If Mr. Rubenstein is selected, we request that he be made eligible for an award of costs pursuant to the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, working groups and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings. Our annual intervenor filing is located here:

<http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/589545/File/document>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Shepherd", written over a faint, illegible printed name.

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cc: Wayne McNally, SEC (by email)
Interested Parties (by email)