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Attn: Christine Long, Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2021-0118 – Framework for Energy Innovation – Working Group Nomination

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). We write to nominate Jay Shepherd to the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (“FEI WG”).

It is important that the FEI WG have representation not just from utilities and from the DER sector, but also from customers, who will end up paying the bills and ultimately taking most of the risks. SEC is uniquely placed, with its significant experience in understanding the electricity system and a demonstrated interest in keeping costs and rates down. However, schools are already, and will increasingly be, hosts for DERs, and are often in the forefront of implementing energy efficiency measures.

Mr. Shepherd’s experience would provide the FEI WG with this important customer perspective. He is a long-time senior counsel for SEC, and so, understands the various regulatory and practical issues that are to be discussed in the context of the working group. Mr. Shepherd has been part of numerous OEB policy processes over many years and has always been able to make significant contributions to those deliberations. Mr. Shepherd has also been an active participant in the Evaluation Advisory Committee for natural gas and its predecessors, since about 2009. Recently, he has played a key role in the gas Integrated Resource Planning proceeding, in which non-pipes alternatives – the gas equivalent of non-wires alternatives – are being considered.

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If Mr. Shepherd 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, 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>

Yours very truly,
Shepherd Rubenstein P.C.

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cc: Wayne McNally, SEC (by email)