

April 13, 2021 Christine Long Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2021-0118 – Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives

Consumers Council of Canada (Council) is writing to nominate Julie Girvan to the Framework for Energy Innovation (FEI) Working Group. Ms. Girvan has represented the interests of residential consumers before the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for many years both with respect to natural gas and electricity matters. She has participated in hearings, consultation processes and working groups at the OEB for almost 30 years. She has also been participating on behalf of the Council in the various Distribution Energy Resource (DER) consultation processes that the OEB has held over the past several years. Ms. Girvan's extensive experience in all aspects of utility regulation would be an asset to the Working group.

The Council notes that in its letter establishing the Framework for Energy Innovation consultation, dated March 23, 2021, the OEB indicated its intent to have the full range of interests related to the integration of DERs in Ontario represented on the Working Group. The Council is of the view that diverse viewpoints will assist the OEB and believes that it is important for the interests of residential consumers to be meaningfully represented. In establishing the Framework, the OEB must ensure that the interests of consumers are sufficiently protected.

Ms. Girvan can be contacted through the following email address: <u>jgirvan@uniserve.com</u> Please let us know if any more information is required from the Council at this time.

Sincerely,

Ken Whitehurst Executive Director Don Mercer President