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Via Email

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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives
Ontario Energy Board File No: EB-2021-0118**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is writing in respect of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) March 23, 2021 letter referenced above, and wishes to comment on the Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (FEI) policy consultations (formerly the "sector evolution consultations", Utility Remuneration and Responding to Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)).

The IESO is supportive of the FEI and the near-term activities outlined for the two proposed priority workstreams of DER usage and DER integration. The IESO continues to support the principles of the former sector evolution consultations of enabling greater consumer choice, and promoting economic efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and reliability; principles the IESO would like to see continue under the FEI.

Under its mandate, the IESO is actively considering DER integration as it relates to the IESO-controlled grid and the wholesale market. At the November 2020 IESO Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting, the IESO indicated its intent to develop a DER Roadmap to fully enable DERs to participate in the IESO-administered electricity markets. Stakeholder engagement on the development of this roadmap will begin in June. As highlighted and/or raised by stakeholders during the sector evolution consultation process led by the OEB, IESO-OEB coordination is a key mechanism to help ensure the objectives of this policy initiative are achieved and not duplicative of the IESO's efforts. To that end, the IESO supports an approach where the OEB and IESO jointly map their respective DER integration efforts – as they relate to the administration of the wholesale markets and energy regulation respectively – to ensure that the work is appropriately coordinated. This approach, as well as the potential for joint OEB/IESO engagements with stakeholders on DER issues that intersect the mandate of the two organizations, will provide stakeholders with a clear roadmap for their participation in the sector's evolution.

The IESO supports the OEB's intent that the FEI working group represent the full range of interests related to the integration of DERs in Ontario, and the IESO will participate in the working

group as appropriate to support this goal. The IESO hereby submits the following nominee and alternate for the FEI working group:

Brennan Louw as nominee
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Brennan has been involved in energy market and innovation activities in the province of Ontario since 2010. He has held several roles within the IESO and has significant expertise in market development and energy innovation. Since 2019, he has held the role of Senior Manager of Sector and System Development and is responsible for leading many of the energy innovation activities of the IESO including the aforementioned DER Roadmap.

Phillip Chisulo as alternate
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Phillip has over 10 years of experience in the electricity industry in the province of Ontario at the IESO and a Local Distribution Company. Phillip has held the role of Senior Advisor, Regulatory Affairs since 2014 and is responsible for participating in regulatory proceedings and working groups at the OEB. Phillip previously participated in the sector evolution consultations on behalf of the IESO.

Please contact me directly at 416-957-3594 or Devon.Huber@ieso.ca if you have any questions

Yours truly,



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