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Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th floor  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives  
- Toronto Hydro Nomination for the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group  
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On March 23, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") announced its intention to reform two proceedings related to Distributed Energy Resources ("DERs"), Responding to DERs and Utility Remuneration, into a single new consultation, the Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives. In advancing the objectives of the new consultation, the OEB has invited stakeholders to volunteer to participate on the newly formed Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group ("FEI WG").

By way of this letter, Toronto Hydro confirms Mr. Andrew Sasso, Director, Energy Policy & Government Relations, as its nominee for the FEI WG. Mr. Sasso has extensive experience and expertise in matters related to DERs and DER policy, having played a leading role in various recent forums and consultations on these issues. Among them, Mr. Sasso worked effectively with DER companies through the OEA Board Advisory Committee and OEA Regulatory Committee, as well as with the IESO, DER proponents, the municipality, and community members on Toronto's Integrated Regional Resource Plan, which was a key forum to consider the adoption of non-wires alternatives in meeting energy needs. He also had a leading role in bringing together utilities and DER companies in an OEA working group in response to concerns with respect to utility connection practices, which ultimately led to an OEA submission that significantly advanced the issue towards resolution. Within Toronto Hydro, Mr. Sasso served in a senior role in advising on regulatory compliance matters that facilitated the large-scale PV-energy storage

project for Metrolinx's Eglinton Crosstown, and led the company's 2020-2024 CIR Application, which further advanced the use of utility-owned and non-utility owned DER uptake in Toronto. Mr. Sasso holds Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Windsor, and a Master of Laws from York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, where he currently teaches on a part-time basis at the masters level on energy topics including DERs and related policy issues.

At the company level, Toronto Hydro is a major regional distribution company, with a unique distribution grid situated in a dense urban environment supplied by a large number of interconnections with the transmission network. It serves nearly 770,000 residential, small business, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers, and delivers approximately 19 per cent of the electricity consumed in Ontario. In addition, it has over 2,000 various distributed energy resources operating within its service territory, including net-metering, energy storage, combined heat and power, closed transition, load displacement, and generation under various IESO programs.<sup>1</sup> It is also at the forefront of adopting utility led non-wires alternatives to local planning issues, as evidenced by the success of its local demand response project at Cecil TS, which has successfully deferred station upgrades through a novel aggregation of battery storage and CDM. Accordingly, Toronto Hydro has a strong interest and is eager to share its experiences and challenges concerning various DER planning and policy issues through representation at the OEB's FEI WG.

Toronto Hydro appreciates the OEB's consideration of its nomination for the FEI WG, and asks that all future correspondence on this matter be directed to the email address: [regulatoryaffairs@torontohydro.com](mailto:regulatoryaffairs@torontohydro.com).

Respectfully,



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<sup>1</sup>Including Feed-in-Tariff (FIT), microFIT, Process and Systems Upgrade Initiative (PSUI), and Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program (RESOP).