



Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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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  
Comments on Near-term Priorities and Potential Member for the FEI WG**

Please accept this letter as comments on the near-term priorities and a self-nomination to join the Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives Working Group (FEI WG).

#### **Comments on Near-term Priorities**

We are supportive of the two workstreams that the OEB has proposed for the FEI WG. The issues included in the two workstreams were among the most discussed issues in EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288. There would be a lot of value in resolving these issues and this is a reasonable scope of work for the FEI WG.

As part of the initial deliverables, Versorium suggests that the OEB also ask the FEI WG to have a high-level overview of the scope of the FEI WG and how it relates to other OEB and IESO initiatives. This has been a common question that has been raised in other working groups and engagement initiatives, and it would make the FEI WG more efficient to address those questions at the outset.

With respect to Workstream #1, we recommend expanding the third bullet ("defining an approach to measure the benefits...relative to costs") to explicitly require the FEI WG to describe the information required by the proposed approach and the party that would provide that information. This would support other engagements and workstreams that affect the availability of that information (such as the RPPAG and Workstream #2 regarding reporting requirements).

#### **Nomination**

The supporting information for my nomination is below:

- **Stakeholder interest:** Versorium Energy Ltd. is a distributed energy developer.
- **Demonstrated participation:** I have participated in several DER initiatives held by the OEB and IESO, including being a member of the RPPAG, participating in IESO initiatives regarding DERs, and a registered participant in EB-2018-0287 and EB-2018-0288.
- **Demonstrated relevance of my role:** I am responsible for developing distributed energy resources and assessing the costs and benefits of DER facilities.
- **Other qualifications:** I hold a Professional Engineering designation in Alberta. I have assessed the costs and benefits of DERs as non-wires alternatives in Alberta, and I appeared as an expert



witness at the Alberta Utilities Commission regarding that assessment (AUC Proceeding ID 23105).

- **Other experience:** I have worked as a transmission planner in Ontario, managed planning and rate applications in Alberta, and reviewed rate applications in Ontario. I also have extensive electricity markets experience in Alberta, Ontario and the Eastern U.S.. I have worked on several DER projects as an employee and consultant for various companies.

We are not requesting cost eligibility for my participation.

Please feel free to contact me about the foregoing at 587-534-5008 or [chris@versoriumenergy.com](mailto:chris@versoriumenergy.com).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Codd".

**Chris Codd**  
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