

April 21, 2021

Ms. Christine Long Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: **EB-2021-0076**

Please accept the Electricity Distributors Association's (EDA) nomination of Kathi Farmer as a member of the Working Group to review the filing requirements for small utilities for 2023.

A unique advantage of granting the EDA membership on this Working Group is that it will facilitate ready and ongoing access to our 20 LDC members that serve fewer than 20,000 customers. These members use a range of connection configurations (e.g., directly connected, embedded) and distribution technologies, and serve a range of customers and customer mixes.

The EDA is nominating Ms. Farmer to continue her engagement on this initiative. She previously participated at the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) January 28 meeting with small LDCs and presented on behalf of our members. In her capacity as the EDA's Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, Ms. Farmer is experienced in all aspects of the economic regulation of electricity distribution utilities in Ontario and has hands on rate making experience using the Cost of Service methodology, the OEB's filing requirements and its rate making models and Appendices.

With her ready and ongoing access to our members and their subject matter experts she will be able to efficiently establish members' perspectives and positions on the issues and communicate all aspects of the Working Group's activities in an efficient manner.

Thank you for considering this nomination. We look forward to learning your decision and of the Working Group's next steps.

Sincerely,

Teresa Sarkesian

President and Chief Executive Officer

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