



May 14, 2021

Registrar

Ontario Energy Board

Submitted via email registrar@oeb.ca

Re: APPEALING Membership - Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group

Dear Ms. Long,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA) to request that the OEB reconsider its decision to exclude our nominated candidate, Nicholas Gall (CanREA's Director of Distributed Energy Resources), from serving as a member of the OEB Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group.

As noted in our nomination letter of April 14, CanREA proudly represents over 270 members nationwide, with 150 diverse member companies active in the Ontario electricity sector, including leading developers and asset managers of distributed wind, solar and energy storage solutions.

We note that wind and solar PV together constitute 78% of IESO-contracted distributed generation capacity in Ontario, and over 99% of net-metered generation capacity, and that our members are associated with a very significant proportion of these facilities. Our member companies also include the developers and asset managers of a very high proportion of Ontario's distributed energy storage capacity, ranging from residential to large-scale behind-the-meter battery storage systems at Class A commercial and industrial sites.

As the representative industry association for the vast majority of Ontario's distributed generation, as well as the developers and asset managers of the full breadth of energy storage applications (from stand-alone residential batteries to hybrid distributed wind/solar-plus-storage solutions), CanREA will bring a vital perspective to the deliberations of the FEI working group. These perspectives would be supported by active and ongoing engagement with our members in an effort to provide well rounded and informed contributions to this working group.

As the leading voice of Ontario's DER developers and asset managers, we would be uniquely positioned among prospective stakeholder participants to contribute to the development of NWA use-cases, the definition of an approach to measure the benefits of these DER use cases, and the development of appropriate incentives for distributors to adopt DERs for distribution uses. We are also uniquely positioned to provide data and insight regarding future DER penetration levels and forecasts, and to comment on the specific factors that would influence the future deployment of the technologies we represent.

It is our belief that CanREA should be included in the FEI working group, because without our voice, the composition of the group does not accurately reflect "the full range of interests related to the integration of DERs in Ontario", as noted in the terms of reference for the working group. Our member companies and the industries we represent constitute by far the majority of potential future DER

development in Ontario, positioning CanREA to serve as an important, positive and productive contributor to the FEI process going forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and I hope it will be possible for CanREA to support the OEB in its important work on this file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hornung", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Hornung, President
Canadian Renewable Energy Association

cc:

Susanna Zagar, CEO Ontario Energy Board
Carolyn Calwell, Chief of Corporate Services & General Counsel

encl: April 14, 2021 original nomination letter