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Ms. Christine Long
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Dear Ms. Long

**Re: Independent Electricity System Operator
2020 and 2021 Expenditure and Revenue Requirement Submissions
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2020-0230**

Pursuant to subsection 25(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is hereby filing its 2020 and 2021 Expenditure and Revenue Requirement Submissions for review and approval by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).

The IESO wishes to raise the following procedural issues with the OEB at this time. First, the IESO proposes that the OEB's Notice of Hearing (Notice) be given in a manner which is as follows:

- The IESO shall post the Notice, and a link to the OEB's webpage where all official documents in this application will be posted, on the IESO's Regulatory Accountability webpage: <https://www.ieso.ca/en/Corporate-IESO/Regulatory-Accountability/Usage-Fees>;
- The IESO shall post an announcement, in English and French, on the IESO's webpage "News Releases" <https://www.ieso.ca/en/Corporate-IESO/Media/News-Releases>;
- The IESO shall email the announcement to all market participants and interested parties who are registered to receive IESO news and other communiqués (this includes all connection proponents with respect to whom the IESO maintains a public registry);
- The IESO shall serve an electronic copy of the Notice and Submissions, including the pre-filed evidence, on all registered intervenors in EB-2019-0002;
- The IESO shall make a copy of the Notice, the Submissions and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review on the "Regulatory Accountability" page on the IESO's website; and
- The IESO shall provide an electronic copy of the Notice, the Submissions and the evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting these materials.

The IESO has included a draft Issues List which it believes addresses the issues of relevance to this proceeding and requests that this be posted for comment along with the Notice. The draft Issues List is attached hereto as Appendix "A" for the OEB's consideration and the IESO requests that the OEB finalize the Issues List prior to parties filing interrogatories.

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In addition, the IESO requests that it be provided three weeks to respond to interrogatories.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Devon Huber", is positioned below the "Yours truly," text.

Devon Huber
Acting Director, Regulatory Affairs & Market Rules

cc: Mr. Fred Cass, Aird & Berlis (email)
All EB-2019-0002 Intervenors (email)

Appendix A

DRAFT ISSUES LIST

17 Issues

1.0 Revenue Requirement, Operating Costs and Capital Spending

- 1.1** Is the IESO's Fiscal Year 2020 revenue requirement of \$188.6 million appropriate?
- 1.2** Is the IESO's Fiscal Year 2021 revenue requirement of \$191.8 million appropriate?
- 1.3** Are the IESO's 2020 staffing levels and compensation (including salaries, benefits, pensions and other post-employment benefits) appropriate?
- 1.4** Are the IESO's 2021 projected staffing levels and compensation (including salaries, benefits, pensions and other post-employment benefits) appropriate?
- 1.5** Is the IESO's 2020 capital expenditure envelope of \$52 million for capital projects for Fiscal Year 2020 appropriate?
- 1.6** Is the IESO's 2021 capital expenditure envelope of \$68.6 million for capital projects for Fiscal Year 2021 appropriate?
- 1.7** Has the IESO adequately described its material capital projects?

2.0 Usage Fees

- 2.1** Is the IESO's proposal to approve its 2020 Interim Usage Fees effective January 1, 2020 as final 2020 Usage Fees appropriate?
- 2.2** Is the methodology used to derive the IESO's proposed 2021 Usage Fees of \$1.271/MWh for domestic customers (including embedded generation) and \$1.0943 MWh for export customers to be paid commencing January 1, 2021 appropriate?
- 2.3** Is the proposed January 1, 2021 effective date for the IESO's 2021 Usage Fees appropriate?

3.0 Registration Fees

- 3.1** Is the fee of up to \$50,000 per submission for electricity supply and capacity procurements, including ancillary services, appropriate?

4.0 Market Renewal Program (MRP)

- 4.1** Is the reporting on financial and operational performance of the MRP appropriate?
- 4.2** Are the IESO's 2020 and forecast 2021 operational costs for the MRP appropriate in the context of the scope and timing of the overall project?
- 4.3** Are the IESO's 2020 and forecast 2021 capital costs for the MRP appropriate in the context of the scope and timing of the overall project?
- 4.4** Is the IESO's MRP Baseline Schedule and Budget for each year of the MRP appropriate?
- 4.5** Is the IESO's MRP Business Case appropriate?

5.0 Other Commitments from Previous OEB Decisions

- 5.1** Has the IESO adequately described the progress made towards reaching the 50th percentile for total compensation?