

July 1, 2021

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Via email to registrar@oeb.ca

**Re: OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation Initiation, Board File #: EB-2021-0180**

Dear Ms. Long

With this letter we are expressing interest and intent to participate in the above reference OEB consultation on behalf of the Power Workers' Union (PWU).

**1. The PWU and its Interest in this Proceeding**

The Power Workers' Union ("PWU") represents a large portion of the employees working in Ontario's electricity industry. The PWU is a strong supporter and advocate for the prudent and rational reform of Ontario's electricity sector and recognizes the importance of low-cost, low-carbon energy to the competitiveness of Ontario's economic sectors. The PWU believes that the OEB processes and initiatives should deliver energy at the lowest reasonable cost while stimulating job creation and growing the province's gross domestic product (GDP).

The PWU recognizes the importance of innovation in the electricity sector and supports the OEB's efforts to continue to improve its Innovation Sandbox.

**2. Nature and Scope of the PWU's Intended Participation**

The PWU intends to participate actively in this proceeding for the purpose of:

- (a) Attending the Fall Stakeholder Event; and
- (b) Providing input on the draft redesign of the Innovation Sandbox;

The PWU is not seeking to participate in the one-on-one or small group meetings in July and August.

**3. Request for Materials**

The requests that an electronic copy of the materials relevant to this consultation be sent to its representative. The PWU does not require a hard copy of this material.

**4. Request for Cost Eligibility**

The PWU is not seeking a cost award in this proceeding.

**5. Strapolec's Representation of PWU**

Strategic Policy Economics ("Strapolec") represents the PWU under the auspices of a written agreement executed by the PWU. Strapolec's mandate is to represent the interests of the PWU in Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") consultations and proceedings that may have an impact on the prudent and rational reform of Ontario's electricity sector. John Ives, Staff Officer, President's Office, is the individual with whom Strapolec liaises.

**6. PWU Contacts**

The PWU requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following individuals. Please take note of the new information highlighted below for ease of reference:

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Please contact the undersigned if the Board requires any further information in connection with these requests.

Yours very truly

**Strategic Policy Economics**



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enclosure

c. John Ives, PWU