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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation Initiation and
Notice of Cost Awards Process
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2021-0180**

On June 23, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced the initiation of a new consultation to renew its Innovation Sandbox, and encouraged interested stakeholders to indicate their interest in participating in the consultations.

As this consultation will proceed in parallel with the IESO and OEB recently announced joint call for projects under the IESO's Grid Innovation Fund and OEB's Innovation Sandbox the IESO is well positioned to contribute to this consultation. The Grid Innovation Fund advances innovative opportunities to achieve electricity bill savings for Ontario ratepayers by funding projects that either enable customers to better manage their energy consumption or that reduce the costs associated with maintaining reliable operation of the province's grid.

By way of this letter the IESO confirms its intention to participate in the OEB's consultation. The IESO is willing to participate in the small group and one-on-one meetings to discuss key issues and opportunities for Sandbox renewal.

Please direct all correspondence on this matter to:

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Yours truly,

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