

August 13, 2021

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attn: Ms. C. Long
Registrar

Via the Ontario Energy Board Web portal

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: **EB-2021-0212**

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) seeks intervenor status in the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) review of the inflation factor to be used to set rates for 2022.

The EDA is the voice of Ontario's local distribution companies (LDCs) and represents the interests of over 50 publicly and privately owned LDCs in Ontario. In 2019, the distribution sector delivered nearly 30TWh of electricity to approximately 5 million residential, commercial, industrial and institutional customers throughout the province.

The level of LDCs' distribution rates is directly impacted by the OEB's inflation factor, whether rates are set pursuant to:

- the OEB's Incentive Rate-Making Mechanism, that explicitly incorporates the OEB authorized inflation factor
- a rate rebasing application where the proposed rates will depend materially on the level of inflation that the LDC forecasts it will experience
- the Custom IR that forecasts, among other things, inflation that is expected to be experienced during the plan's term.

The LDC's customers, who will be charged these rates, need to have confidence that the rates are fair and that the rates they are charged will appropriately support their LDC in accessing the resources needed to be able to provide distribution service on an ongoing basis. The OEB needs to be able to authorize rates that are just and reasonable and that will support Ontario's electricity distribution sector in remaining financially viable. For all these reasons, Ontario's LDCs have a significant interest in the above-named proceeding.

The EDA intends to participate actively and responsibly in this proceeding. The EDA reserves the right to participate in all aspects of this proceeding (e.g., filing information requests, testing the

analytical methods and supporting data, participating at meetings and conferences, filing comments). The EDA will not seek an award for costs and will not use the French language.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Wigdor', is placed over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Ted Wigdor
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