



August 16, 2021

VIA RESS

Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Long,

**Re: Ontario Energy Board
Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) to Facilitate
Connection of Distributed Energy Resources
Board File No.: EB-2021-0117**

We are counsel to the Distributed Resource Coalition (**DRC**). Further to the Board's Notice dated August 5, 2021, DRC hereby provides these written submissions with respect to its interest in the above-noted proceeding and the grounds on which it is eligible for a cost award.

Interest in the Proceeding

DRC is a group of electricity customers and consumers that consists of end-use residential customers, non-profit organizations, and owners' associations that are directly affected by and interested in (i) optimizing existing energy assets, (ii) efficiently facilitating the integration of existing and innovative distributed energy resources (**DERs**), including electric vehicles (**EVs**), to achieve customer and grid solutions, and (iii) providing input on direct customer needs and local distribution company opportunities relating to DERs, EVs, and energy storage. DRC hopes to further these interests for the benefit of each and all of end-use customers, DER providers, and the regulatory regime. DRC was among the first intervenor groups before the Board that advocated for the integration of DERs into energy systems when cost efficient.

The proposed amendments to the DSC may affect the ability of energy customers represented by DRC to connect and use DERs and may therefore impact consumers (including end-use DER customers) and providers of DERs in relation to services that are regulated by the Board. DRC wishes to submit written comments on the proposed amendments in accordance with the Board's process.

Request for Costs

DRC requests cost eligibility in relation to providing written comments on the proposed amendments. DRC is, in accordance with s. 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*, eligible to seek an award of costs as DRC is a party that primarily represents the direct

interests of consumers (including end-use DER customers) and providers of DERs in relation to services that are regulated by the Board. DRC is also eligible to seek an award of costs under s. 3.03(b) as DRC represents organizations that have a policy interest in facilitating innovation in the electricity sector, which is a component of the Board's mandate and relevant to the proceeding. The Board has granted DRC cost eligibility in many Board proceedings and consultations.

DRC hereby requests that further communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to its counsel:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'L' followed by a horizontal stroke that curves upwards and to the right.

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