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Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Updating the CDM Guidelines for Electricity Distributors
Request for Comments
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2021-0106**

The IESO is in receipt of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) letter of August 5, 2021 announcing its intention to develop updated CDM guidelines, to replace the existing [Conservation and Demand Management Requirement Guidelines for Electricity Distributors](#).

The OEB's letter provided an OEB staff discussion paper, [Updating the Conservation and Demand Management Guidelines for Electricity Distributors](#) to which the OEB invited comments of interested parties. The discussion paper proposes an approach on the role of CDM for rate-regulated electricity distributors, considering three IESO CDM frameworks: the current 2021-2024 CDM Framework; the 2015-2020 Conservation First Framework (CFF); and the April 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020 Interim Framework, including rate-funded CDM activities beyond the ambit of these provincial frameworks.

As the IESO has the responsibility to implement the current CDM frameworks and deliver CDM programs throughout Ontario and consider CDM in its provincial infrastructure planning, the IESO confirms its interest to participate and provide comments to the discussion paper and proposed updates to the CDM guidelines.

Please direct all correspondence on this matter to Regulatoryaffairs@ieso.ca.

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

Yours truly,

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