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Dear Christine E. Long,

On behalf of The Atmospheric Fund, I would like to express our intent to comment on OEB proceeding EB-2021-0106. We will not be requesting cost eligibility.

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency that serves the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area, supporting a net-zero goal by 2050. Supporting conservation and demand management is critical to achieving the GTHA's climate goals. We will be commenting on the importance of cost-effective alternatives to infrastructure investments as a key pathway for reducing carbon emissions in the GTHA and beyond.

Sincerely,

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About The Atmospheric Fund

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) is a regional climate agency that invests in low-carbon solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and helps scale them up for broad implementation. Please note that the views expressed in this submission do not necessarily represent those of the City of Toronto or other GTHA stakeholders. We are experienced leaders and collaborate with stakeholders in the private, public and non-profit sectors who have ideas and opportunities for reducing carbon emissions. Supported by endowment funds, we advance the most promising concepts by investing, providing grants, influencing policies and running programs. We're particularly interested in ideas that offer benefits in addition to carbon reduction such as improving people's health, creating local jobs, boosting urban resiliency, and contributing to a fair society.