December 20, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Registrar@oeb.ca

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) Report to the OEB: Recommendations to Improve Ontario's Regional Planning Process Regional Planning Process Review (EB-2020-0176)

On January 18, 2021, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a <u>letter</u> that reestablished the Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG) to assist the OEB in its review of the current regional planning process.

The OEB identified that the initial focus of the RPPAG was to further assess certain high-level recommendations from the review completed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) that the OEB is taking the lead on. The January 18<sup>th</sup> letter also indicated the scope of the RPPAG's work was not limited to assessing those IESO recommendations as there may be other areas where additional improvements can be made. To that end, the RPPAG has made additional recommendations.

Please find attached the RPPAG's Report to the OEB which includes our recommendations, for the OEB's consideration, to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of the current regional planning process in Ontario.

The RPPAG membership is set out in Appendix A of the attached Report to the OEB.

Yours truly,

Regional Planning Process Advisory Group

Attachment: RPPAG Report to the OEB

cc: Brian Hewson, Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance Ryan Holder, Manager, Industry Policy & Compliance Chris Cincar, Senior Advisor, Industry Policy & Compliance