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Ms. Nancy Marconi
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**Re: Independent Electricity System Operator
Withdrawal of Request to Increase Registration Fee
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2020-0230**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is writing with respect to section 3.1 of the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Decision and Order EB-2020-0230 (Board Decision) regarding Issue 3.1 – Registration Fees.

In the IESO's application and under Issue 3.1, the IESO requested an increase in the registration fee from the currently approved up to \$10,000 per submission for electricity supply and capacity procurements, including ancillary services, to up to \$50,000 per submission.

In the settlement agreement approved in the Board Decision, the parties agreed to defer consideration of the registration fee increase until after the IESO conducted additional stakeholder engagement, developed a more detailed registration fee setting framework, and filed updated evidence that included information on the cost of past IESO procurements and the fees collected.

Per the settlement agreement, the IESO conducted additional stakeholder engagement on a more detailed fee setting framework, including information on the cost of past IESO procurements and the fees collected. The stakeholder engagement was announced via an email bulletin sent to all IESO subscribers on November 4, 2021. The IESO held the stakeholder consultation session on November 23, 2021 at which the materials discussed above were presented. These materials are attached to this letter as Attachment 1. A recording of the stakeholder consultation, meeting materials, and stakeholder feedback is available on the IESO's Resource Adequacy Engagement webpage¹. The IESO directed intervenors to this

¹ Resource Adequacy Engagement webpage, see November 23, 2021 posting:
<https://www.ieso.ca/en/Sector-Participants/Engagement-Initiatives/Engagements/Resource-Adequacy-Engagement>

posting, as well as the request for stakeholder feedback, on November 24, 2022. Feedback on the fee setting framework was due on December 14, 2021.

The IESO invited and received written stakeholder feedback, which included requests for additional information and analysis, and alternative proposals to increasing the registration fee, such as increasing proposal security to help ensure only serious proposals are submitted by proponents with sufficient financial wherewithal.

In light of stakeholder feedback, and the time that would be required to continue to consult on that feedback, the IESO has concluded that there is insufficient time to move forward with a change to the registration fee and to have the new fee in effect in advance of procurement initiatives directed by the Minister of Energy on January 28, 2022.² As such, the IESO is writing to withdraw its request for OEB approval to charge registration fees of up to \$50,000 per proposal for electricity supply and capacity procurements, including ancillary services.

The IESO will move forward with its planned procurements using previously approved registration fees of up to \$10,000 per submission for electricity supply and capacity procurements, including ancillary services.

Please contact me directly at michael.lyle@ieso.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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All EB-2020-0230 Intervenors (email)

² Minister of Energy Directive, <https://www.ieso.ca/-/media/Files/IESO/Document-Library/corporate/ministerial-directives/Letter-from-the-Minister-of-Energy-20220128.ashx>