



Ontario Energy Board | Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

BY EMAIL

May 18, 2022

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Registrar@oeb.ca

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission on Draft Issues List
Independent Electricity System Operator, in its capacity as the Smart
Metering Entity
Application for Approval of a Smart Metering Charge for the Years 2023 to
2027 and related matters
OEB File Number: EB-2022-0137**

Please find attached the OEB staff submission in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1.

Yours truly,

Michael Bell
Senior Advisor, Application Policy and Conservation

Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2022-0137



ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

OEB Staff Submission on Draft Issues List

**Independent Electricity System Operator, in its capacity as the Smart
Metering Entity**

**Application for Approval of a Smart Metering Charge for the Years 2023 to 2027
and related matters**

EB-2022-0137

May 18, 2022

Background

The Independent Electricity System Operator, in its capacity as the Smart Metering Entity (SME) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on March 31, 2022, under subsections 27(7), 78(2.1), (3.0.1), (3.0.2) and (3.0.3) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Ontario Regulation 453/06 made under the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and subsection 53.8(8) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*. The application included a draft issues list. The following are the submissions of OEB staff on the draft issues list.

OEB Staff Submission

Forecast staffing Levels

The SME proposed draft issues list does not include an issue on the staffing level forecast. The current application proposes an increase of 3 FTEs (from 20 currently to 23 in 2023).¹

In the previous SME Charge application², SME proposed an increase of 3 FTEs (17 in 2017 to 20 in 2022). The following issue on the staffing level forecast was included on the Approved Issues List:³

1. Are the forecast staffing levels appropriate and reasonable?

OEB staff submits that the OEB should consider the inclusion of an issue on the staffing level forecast as was included in the previously Approved Issues List. OEB staff proposes that the OEB include the identical wording for the issue that was included in the previous proceeding. OEB staff's proposed issue would allow for discovery on the SME's proposed staffing level forecast.

OEB staff does not have any concerns with the eight draft issues proposed by the SME.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~

¹ Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, pp. 3-4

² EB-2017-0290, SME Application, August 31, 2017, Exhibit B, Tab 1, Schedule 1, p. 3

³ EB-2017-0290, SME Approved Issues List, November 23, 2017