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By E-mail and RESS

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yong Street, 27th Floor
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Attention: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: Independent Electricity System Operator / Smart Metering Entity
2023 to 2027 Smart Metering Charge Application
Ontario Energy Board File No.: EB-2022-0137
Status of Settlement Discussions**

We write further to the Board's Procedural Order No. 1 issued on May 13, 2022 ("**PO No. 1**").

In accordance with PO No.1, a settlement conference commenced on July 20, 2022 and continued on July 21, 2022. PO No. 1 requires the IESO to file a letter informing the OEB of the status of the settlement discussions, including whether a tentative agreement was reached on all issues, within 48 hours of the conclusion of the settlement conference.

We are happy to report that the parties have reached a tentative agreement on all issues in the proceeding. The parties are working on a settlement proposal and anticipate filing it with the Board on or before August 8, 2022 as directed in PO No. 1.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Yours truly,



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