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Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program Comments

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Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Re: Stakeholder Meeting on Non-RPP Class B Pilot Program (EB-2020-0079)

Also filed in RESS

Dear Ms. Marconi

The City of Ottawa/Ville d 'Ottawa unanimously passed its community energy transition strategy, Energy Evolution in October 2020. The strategy relies on extensive electrification with low carbon electricity, so any actions in the Ontario electricity market which align with our strategy are encouraging for Ottawa.

The City of Ottawa/Ville d 'Ottawa was therefore pleased to learn of the OEB's interest in piloting a dynamic pricing program for non-RPP Class B electricity consumers. City Staff took part in the discussions during the virtual stakeholder meeting held on July 28, 2022.

The City of Ottawa is interested in taking part in the pilot program. We have had preliminary discussions with Hydro Ottawa who has expressed interest in supporting us in an application as the LDC. The City would propose a project that would heat a Class B facility with an electrical appliance during low price periods and use other means for heating during high price periods.

The City has demonstrated technical experience and successfully managed the implementation of similar projects at Class A accounts. This started with a successful pilot of HOEP-dispatched equipment, undertaken with Hydro Ottawa in 2017. With the concept proven, we have now installed 1600 kW of electric boilers and heat pumps, operating dynamically with price. In these applications, our building automation systems track the HOEP to dispatch electric heating appliances automatically and in real time, to supply economical, low carbon building heating.

We look forward to seeing the next steps in working with the OEB and Hydro Ottawa to develop an application for the program. The City of Ottawa is at the Board's disposal to discuss this topic further.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Fletcher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Fletcher
Project Manager
Climate Change and Resiliency
City of / Ville d' Ottawa