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Dear Ms. Serrao

Re: CME Submission on the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (FEIWG) reports Board File #: EB-2021-0118

On behalf of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), I submit the attached feedback and recommendations on the OEB's consultation. The CME commends the OEB for initiating the FEIWG activities and supporting a cost-effective adoption of emerging technologies to provide ratepayers with the lowest cost solutions to reliably meet Ontario's emerging electricity system needs. This is very relevant to many CME members.

These files have been submitted through the OEB's online filing portal.

Yours very truly Strategic Policy Economics

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Attachment 1

About CME

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") is Canada's leading business network. It represents more than 10,000 leading companies nationwide and through various initiatives, touches more than 100,000 companies from coast-to-coast, engaged in manufacturing, international trade, and service-related industries. More than 85% of its members are Small to Medium sized Enterprises ("SMEs"). In Ontario, CME has about 1,400 members representing about 75% of manufactured output and about 90% of all exports.

One of CME's priorities is to improve the business climate for manufacturers. Initiatives pertaining to Energy and the Environment fall within the scope of this objective and include efforts by CME to ensure that its members enjoy continued access to a reliable and cost competitive supply of energy and electricity across Canada.

In this context, CME seeks an Ontario electricity system for its members which is reliable, affordable, cost effective and economically sustainable with electricity prices for Ontario manufacturers which are competitive with electricity prices available to manufacturers located elsewhere.

For further information on CME, please visit their website at <u>www.cme-mec.ca</u>.