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Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Marconi:

EB-2019-0207 Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code to Enable Flexible Hosting Capacity Arrangements – Building Owners and Managers Association's Comments

On January 29, 2024, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a Notice of Proposal to make amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC). These proposed amendments are primarily intended to enable electricity distributors to offer flexible hosting capacity arrangements. These arrangements will allow an electricity distributor to connect distributed energy resources (DERs) that may, in aggregate, exceed feeder and/or substation technical capacity limits on the distributor's distribution system where the distributor has the technical capability to do so.

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) has reviewed the OEB's proposed amendments to the DSC and the rationale for the changes and is fully supportive of these policy objectives as they align with BOMA's primary interest in this proceeding, which is to streamline adoption of DER and EV charging infrastructure among its members as an important contributor to operating cost savings and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. BOMA is a member of the DER Connections Working Group. BOMA believes enabling Flexible Hosting Capacity Arrangements will support providing options for consumers by facilitating greater DER adoption and will improve utilization of the distribution system that can reduce costs for new system investments.

BOMA is pleased to continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders in this proceeding in support of efforts to streamline the process of connecting DERs and EV charging infrastructure.

Sincerely,



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