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Ontario Energy Board
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VIA Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Subject : **EB-2024-0126 Request for Award of Costs**

Lakeside Power Consulting Inc. is currently assisting several Ontario LDCs facing the need for new transformer station capacity to accommodate unprecedented load growth. The current cost responsibility rules for major transmission connection costs pose a risk of hindering LDCs from meeting the electricity demands of their customers.

We respectfully request funding from the OEB to support our clients' efforts in reviewing the cost responsibility of rebuilding or upgrading existing transmission connection assets. Currently, there is no cost recovery mechanism for our firm to address this issue, other than billing our LDC clients.

The Lakeside Power staff have past experience with designing and implementing the Transmission System Code at the time of market opening. Additionally, we have been consulting on LDC transformer station projects for the past seventeen years.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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