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Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar **Ontario Energy Board** 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

**RE:** Distribution System Operator Capabilities

Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2025-0060

Participation by the Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Jupiter Energy Advisors Inc. has been retained by the Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA) to assist the association on matters related to the above-noted consultation. Jupiter is submitting this letter to notify the Board of OAPPA's intention to participate in the consultation, through Jupiter.

## OAPPA provides the following information:

- 1. OAPPA is a not-for-profit organization whose membership includes the physical plant administrators for provincially-assisted universities in Ontario, all of whom are significant users of electricity, and many of whom operate Distributed Energy Resources such as generation and/or battery energy storage systems. OAPPA members anticipate a significant increase in their electricity needs as they pursue decarbonization objectives. OAPPA has participated in previous Board proceedings on related matters, such as the Load Displacement Generation Working Group (EB-2013-0004) and the Consultation on Policy for Standby Rates (EB-2023-0278). OAPPA member universities have a direct interest in the matters involved in this consultation.
- OAPPA may wish to be a presenter in the consultation, if it determines, during the course of the consultation, that a presentation by OAPPA would be beneficial to the Board.

- 3. OAPPA seeks a determination that it is eligible for an award of costs related to its participation. With respect to the cost eligibility criteria set out in section 3.03 of the Ontario Energy Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, in particular criterion (a), OAPPA represents the direct interests of certain ratepayers (institutional energy consumers) in relation to regulated services. John Voss, Principal of Jupiter Energy Advisors, will represent OAPPA in this consultation. Mr. Voss has more than 25 years of experience advising large energy users on energy procurement, utility rates and service, energy transition strategy, and regulatory matters. He most recently represented OAPPA in the Consultation on Policy for Standby Rates (EB-2023-0278). Please note that in the past, OAPPA has been determined to be eligible for cost awards.
- 4. The information required by Section 3.03.1 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards is provided as an attachment to this letter.

OAPPA requests that all correspondence and documents be directed to:

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Should you have questions or require further information, please contact me.

Yours truly,

John Voss, P. Eng.

Principal

## ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATORS Information Required by Section 3.03.1 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards

The Ontario Association of Physical Plant Administrators (OAPPA) is a not-for-profit organization whose membership includes the physical plant administrators for the following institutions:

Algoma University College Ryerson University
Brock University University of Toronto

Carleton University University of Toronto - Mississauga
University of Guelph University of Toronto - Scarborough

Lakehead University Trent University

Laurentian University University of Ontario Institute of Technology

McMaster University

Nipissing University

Ontario College of Art and Design University

University of University

University of University

University of Windsor

Queen's University

Vork University

OAPPA's Mission Statement: To assist higher education facilities, officers and staff develop, maintain, and promote high standards and professional ideals for the management of campus facilities.

The objective of OAPPA is to promote co-operation among physical plant administrators of the provincially assisted universities of Ontario, and other groups, on matters relating to staff development and planning, construction, operation and maintenance of facilities. The OAPPA Energy Committee meets regularly to review and discuss provincial government reporting. The committee is also involved with the sector-wide benchmarking of energy performance, energy purchasing and hedging strategies, and market analysis.

OAPPA participates in Ontario Energy Board proceedings through its Energy Committee. Its participation in natural gas related proceedings has focused primarily on the rate proceedings of Enbridge Gas Inc. The majority of OAPPA members are customers of Enbridge Gas with some members in the current EGD zone and others in the current Union zones. From an operating perspective, the rate structures, rate levels, and terms and conditions of service are of direct and significant importance to OAPPA.

OAPPA also participates in electricity proceedings that have broad implications for members, including Ontario Power Generation rate proceedings, and policy proceedings.

Consistent with the main objective of OAPPA, most interventions are conducted through the association rather than by individual members. Since issues are frequently of common interest, an OAPPA intervention provides the opportunity to address matters in a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective way.

OAPPA is assisted in its interventions at the Ontario Energy Board by its external advisor, Jupiter Energy Advisors Inc. Jupiter performs several functions: providing case management services, assisting OAPPA to understand the issues and identify those on which it will participate actively, advising on the formulation of positions, and representing OAPPA at the OEB.

The Chair of the OAPPA Energy Committee is Jupiter's primary contact, and the current Chair of this Committee is Ms Mary Quintana, Director, Asset Management & Utilities, Brock University. The individuals who are Jupiter's representatives for a given OAPPA intervention are provided in OAPPA's letter of intervention