

April 25, 2025

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: Spending Pattern Analysis Timeline Revision Request (EB-2025-0108)

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) represents Ontario's local hydro utilities, which are the part of our electricity system closest to customers. Publicly and privately owned utilities, otherwise known as local distribution companies (LDCs), deliver electricity to residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers—powering every community in the province. Our members are directly impacted by the analysis and assumptions that will be derived from the consultation named above.

Today, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) hosted a consultation with its chosen consultant, Pacific Economics Group (PEG), on Spending Pattern Analysis (SPA). We observed a vibrant and skeptical discussion and noted a strong requirement for electricity distributors to add explanations to the proposed materials based on Ontario's unique regulatory framework. We also noted conflicting deadlines with other OEB consultations, which rely on the same group of industry specialists for expert insights. Within the consultation, we verbally requested a timeline revision, as discussed during the session and echoed by other stakeholders. Please consider this our formal revision request of the timetable for the SPA stakeholder consultation as presented on slide 18 of today's <u>SPA meeting materials</u>.

To ensure thoughtful and thorough input, we propose the following revised dates:

Survey Data Collection: May 23

Additional Written Comments: May 30

Draft Report Stakeholder Comments: TBD - 4 weeks of review from date of draft report

release.

We understand the importance of adhering to the Ontario Energy Board's timelines and appreciate your consideration of this request. We remain committed to timely communication, and we assure you that we will work diligently to collate our members' feedback for the benefit of this consultation.

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Brittany Ashby, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, at bashby@eda-on.ca or at 416.886.4420.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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