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To: All Parties in EB-2022-0325

Re: OEB File Number: EB-2022-0325

UTR Phase 2 Working Group

INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a generic public hearing on its own motion under sections 19, 21 and 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to consider various issues related to Ontario's Uniform Transmission Rates (UTRs). Phase 2 of this proceeding has considered, among other things, issues relating to double-peak billing and exemptions to gross load billing.

The OEB's March 27, 2025, Phase 2 Decision and Order¹ (referred to below as the Phase 2 Decision) established a Working Group, to be facilitated by OEB staff, that is expected to report back to the OEB on the matters identified in the Decision and Order. Those matters relate primarily, but not exclusively, to double-peak billing.

In the Phase 2 Decision, the OEB also determined that case-by-case exemptions to gross load billing may be appropriate through transmitter license amendments. The Working Group has been asked to consider criteria for these types of exemptions. The OEB has also asked that the Working Group consider unique situations such as those presented by Glencore Canada Corporation.

THE WORKING GROUP

The OEB understands that OEB staff communicated with parties to the generic hearing, and proposes that the following parties be named as participants in the Working Group:

- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario
- Distributed Resource Coalition
- Energy Probe Research Foundation
- Energy Storage Canada

¹ Decision on Issues 4, 5, and 6, EB-2022-0325

- Entegrus Powerlines Inc.
- Environmental Defence Canada Inc.
- Glencore Canada Corporation
- · Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

The Independent Electricity System Operator intends to participate in the Working Group as an observer.

The OEB accepts the OEB staff proposal, and representatives of the parties listed above will comprise the Working Group.

Those Working Group members granted cost eligibility in Phase 1² and/or in Procedural Order No 1³ of Phase 2 will remain eligible for cost awards for their participation. Costeligible participants will be permitted to claim up to 2x the meeting time, to allow for work related to developing the report back to the OEB and meeting preparation.

Please direct any questions relating to this proceeding or the Working Group to Thomas Eminowicz at Thomas.Eminowicz@oeb.ca, copying Chris Cincar at Chris.Cincar@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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² Decision and Order on Cost Awards, EB-2021-0243

³ Procedural Order No. 1, EB-2022-0325