

# Intervention Form

## Case Number:

EB-2024-0115

## Intervenor Name:

Building Owners and Managers Association Ottawa ("BOMA Ottawa")

## Mandate and Objectives:

BOMA Ottawa is the voice of the commercial real estate (CRE) industry in the National Capital area. It is one of the region's most active and effective business associations, protecting and advancing the interests of its members on important policy issues including energy transition, conservation, energy pricing and supply, advanced metering infrastructure, property taxes, labour requirements, building materials and equipment regulations.

## Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:

Founded in 1971, BOMA Ottawa's membership has grown to over 450 individuals representing 200 companies. BOMA Ottawa members are large consumers of energy and they include those who own, manage, service or support in excess of 60 million square feet of commercial, office, retail, industrial and institutional property in an area that covers from the National Capital Region to Belleville to Cornwall, Ontario.

## Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:

BOMA Ottawa supports its members' goals as professional and socially responsible businesses, so as to increase the economic benefit to its members, their employees and clients, and the broader community. Through advocacy, BOMA Ottawa promotes the highest industry standards, and educational development, and by fostering business relationships amongst its members and within the community it operates. These goals are achieved through Education (best practices in the CRE industry), Standards (certification, recognition awards), Networking and Advocacy (regulatory, local, provincial and federal governments).

## Governance Structure:

BOMA Ottawa is a not for profit association that leverages consultant expertise and may also include lawyers, staff and/or other stakeholders as appropriate. The BOMA Ottawa senior management team meets with its consultants (including Clement Li of Enerlife Consulting Inc., who is experienced in OEB matters and will represent BOMA Ottawa's interests in this proceeding) quarterly and receives regular updates (monthly and impromptu as needed) on regulatory and policy items and provides directions, as well as sharing updates with its members.

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## **Frequent Intervenor Form:**

## **OEB Proceedings:**

None.

## **Issues:**

This proceeding will directly impact BOMA Ottawa's members through proposed changes to distribution rates, grid capacity planning, and non-wires solutions. BOMA Ottawa is interested in all issues that impact commercial buildings and it is particularly interested in (but not limited to) the following areas:

1. Fair, reasonable and transparent electricity rate increases for commercial customers (e.g. issues related to revenue requirement, cost allocation, rate design, load forecast).
2. Adequate grid capacity to support electrification in commercial buildings (e.g. issues related to distribution system plan).
3. Appropriate structure, availability, and accessibility of local non-wires solutions programs applicable to the commercial sector (e.g. issues related to non-wires solutions to address system needs).

## **Policy Interests:**

See above (section 3 Issues).

## **Hearings:**

No preference.

## **Evidence:**

Unable to answer at this time.

## **Coordination with Other Intervenors:**

BOMA Ottawa intends to coordinate and collaborate with other intervenors with similar interests and positions to avoid potential duplication of effort in this proceeding.

## **Cost Awards:**

BOMA Ottawa, a not for profit association, is requesting an award of reasonably incurred costs for its participation in this proceeding. BOMA Ottawa submits that, an association representing the direct interests of its members (who will be directly impacted by the outcome of this proceeding), meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

## **Language Preference:**

BOMA Ottawa does not intend to participate in the hearing in French.