

July 14, 2025

Mr. Ritchie Murray Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St, 27th Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: Distribution Customer Connections Review: EB-2025-0204

The Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) represents Ontario's local hydro utilities, 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. The sector owns over \$33 billion in electricity system infrastructure and invests more than \$3 billion annually in the grid.

On behalf of the Electricity Distributors Association (EDA), I am writing to express our interest in participating in the Ontario Energy Board's Distribution Customer Connections Working Group, as outlined in your July 3, 2025, letter (EB-2025-0204).

**Organization Name:** Electricity Distributors Association

## **Proposed Working Group Members:**

- Brittany Ashby, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, EDA, <u>bashby@eda-on.ca</u>
- Rudra Mukherji, Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, EDA <u>rmukherji@eda-on.ca</u>

## **Perspective and Interest:**

We represent the collective interests of Ontario's LDCs, which serve the electricity customers and power communities across the province. Our members are at the forefront of implementing connection processes for a wide variety of load customers, including new housing developments, electric vehicle infrastructure, and large commercial and industrial users.

We bring a province-wide perspective grounded in practical utility experience, policy expertise, and an understanding of regulatory and customer service requirements. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the working group and collaborate with other stakeholders to identify practical, efficient, and customer-centric improvements to the electricity connection process.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important initiative and look forward to supporting the OEB's efforts.

Sincerely,

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