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Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attn: Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar

Dear Mr. Murray:

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

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC").

We write to nominate Mark Rubenstein to the Distribution Customer Connections Review ("Connections Review") Working Group. SEC has interests in the work of the Connections Review, both from the perspective of customers seeking to connect (new schools), and existing customers (already connected schools).

Mr. Rubenstein has been involved in numerous rate applications and connection-related initiatives¹ in recent years as counsel to SEC. His experience and customer-focused perspective would be a valuable addition to the working group for this important initiative. SEC also participated in the Capacity Allocation Model Advisory Group for housing developments (EB-2024-0092). We believe there is value in including a customer representative on the working group who can provide continuity with these other connection-related efforts.

Mr. Rubenstein can be contacted at:

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¹ Transmission Connection Review Working Group (EB-2024-0126) and the DER Cost Responsibility Small Group (EB-2019-0207)

If Mr. Rubenstein is selected, we request that SEC be made eligible for recovery of his costs pursuant to the Practice Direction on Cost Awards. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes. and hearings and has been found eligible to be reimbursed its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Our annual intervenor filling is located here: https://www.rds.oeb.ca/CMWebDrawer/Record/871744/File/document

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Brian McKay, SEC (by email)
Interested Parties (by email)