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**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Other Interested Parties**

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

On July 3, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated the above-captioned review of electricity distributor processes and requirements for connecting load customers, and invited interested stakeholders to participate in a related working group (the DCC WG) composed of customer representatives and distributors.

By letter dated July 24, 2025, the Canadian Charging Infrastructure Council (CCIC) asked to participate in the DCC WG, and advised that it intended to apply for a cost award and would file a more detailed submission requesting costs. On July 31, 2025, the OEB issued a [letter](#) regarding DCC WG membership. In that letter, the OEB approved cost eligibility for a number of stakeholders. The OEB confirmed CCIC's membership in the DCC WG, but advised that it would not make a decision on a CCIC request for cost eligibility until the more detailed submission was received. The OEB indicated that CCIC's request should address the matters set out in the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* (Practice Direction) including, without limitation, section 4.

CCIC filed its more detailed request on August 19, 2025. Having considered the August 19th document, the OEB finds CCIC eligible for costs in this proceeding. CCIC's members are load customers that connect to distribution systems throughout Ontario and may, through CCIC, be able to provide useful insights from their experiences. However, as CCIC is only recently formed and appears to be a new participant in OEB proceedings, the OEB has a number of comments regarding cost eligibility which it trusts will be of assistance to CCIC:

1. Mr. Allan has identified himself as one of CCIC's counsel in CCIC's letters of July 3rd and August 19th, but appears on the CCIC website as CCIC's President and a Staff Member. Section 6.05 of the Practice Direction provides (in part): "A party will not be compensated for time spent by its employees or officers in preparing for or attending at Board processes."
2. Cost awards for counsel and consultant fees will be based on the OEB's Tariff.
3. You have shown two lawyers as counsel in your July 24th letter, and three in your August 19th letter. Beyond the concern regarding Mr. Allan mentioned above, the OEB typically only allows for cost recovery in respect of one representative per party at consultation meetings, although it need not be the same representative at each meeting.

The OEB trusts that CCIC will keep these matters in mind when participating in DCC WG meetings and in preparing its cost claim.

DATED at Toronto September 5, 2025

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