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By Email

Mr. Ritchie Murray  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

**Re: Regional and Bulk Electricity System Planning Review (EB-2025-0248)  
ENWIN Utilities Ltd. Advisory Group Nomination**

On August 29, 2025, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter regarding the launch of an advisory group to support its review of the regional and bulk electricity system planning process. The OEB noted this review is in direct response to the Minister of Energy and Mines' Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) Directive, which required the OEB to undertake a review of the regional and bulk planning process and report back with recommendations to improve efficiency, flexibility and responsiveness. The OEB is expected to issue a report back to the Minister by March 31, 2026.

To support this work, the OEB is seeking expressions of interest to join an advisory group with representatives from across the energy sector, including electricity consumers, municipalities, communities, distributors, generators, and transmitters, among others. Interested stakeholders were requested to submit a letter of interest for the advisory group by September 12, 2025.

In consideration of the above, ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN) hereby nominates Jim Brown, Chief Operating Officer - Hydro to participate in the advisory group.

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A brief description of ENWIN's interest in regional and bulk planning issues is provided below:

- ENWIN demonstrates a proactive and integrated approach to regional and bulk electricity system planning, with a strong emphasis on aligning infrastructure development with anticipated load growth, regulatory timelines, and the integration of distributed energy resources (DERs). The organization is actively involved in long-term capacity planning, with detailed forecasts for 5- and 20-year horizons. These include electrification impacts from electric vehicles (EVs) and

heat pumps, and system/station capacity assessments under both normal and emergency conditions. Strategic investments are being evaluated to meet regional load growth, such as constructing new transformer stations in Windsor's west and central areas, with timelines extending to the 2040's. Planning is closely coordinated with the Windsor-Essex Regional Planning group to ensure transmission and generation assets are in place to meet future demand.

- ENWIN has a great deal of experience with DER connections having connected approximately 850 generators providing approximately 80 MW of capacity with additional generators (25 MW) in various stages of application. ENWIN recently connected a 15 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on its distribution system to provide capacity by displacement on the bulk system serving southwestern Ontario.

A brief summary of Jim's experience and qualifications is provided below:

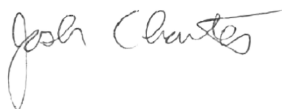
- **Extensive Industry Experience:** Over 45 years as a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.), with deep expertise in both the electricity and natural gas sectors within Ontario regulated utilities.
- **Longstanding Engagement in Regional Planning:** Has been actively involved in IESO and Hydro One regional planning efforts for more than 25 years, either directly or through team members reporting to the nominee. Currently, Jim is a member of a technical advisory panel to the CEATI Distribution Equipment and Planning Interest Group.
- **Leadership in Distribution Planning:** Currently a member of ENWIN's executive leadership team, with responsibilities that include overseeing ENWIN's Hydro operations and distribution system planning. Prior to working at ENWIN, Jim worked at Union Gas for 20 years and served as the senior leader of the Union Gas Distribution Planning group, contributing significantly to strategic planning and operational improvements.

ENWIN believes Jim's background and relevant, first-hand experience addressing system planning processes will provide valuable input to the advisory group, given the stated approach to the workstreams and timelines noted in the OEB's August 29, 2025 letter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

ENWIN Utilities Ltd.



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