

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

September 16, 2025

Dear Mr. Murray,

RE: Regional and Bulk Electricity System Planning Review Advisory Group Ontario Energy Board File No: EB-2025-0248

Please accept this letter as my nomination to the Regional and Bulk Electricity System Planning Review Advisory Group. I would like to participate as a representative from an independent power producer and the owner and operator of distributed energy resources.

I had not planned to participate because I had expected other representatives from the IPP and DER communities. However, I think it is important to consider the perspective of resource owners and developers and I am making a late nomination to participate in this advisory group.

My primary perspective and interest in the regional and bulk planning issues is the consideration of non-wires alternatives. Non-wires alternatives have the potential to be developed quicker than large transmission lines, but Ontario has been slow to adopt alternative solutions due to misalignment between resource procurements and transmission planning.

There are opportunities to align the regional planning processes with resource procurements, but it will require changes to the current regional planning process. These changes could shorten the planning cycle, provide more flexibility to address uncertain needs, and avoid stranded costs.

I have participated in several transmission planning initiatives held by the OEB, including being a member of the RPPAG, the FEI WG, and the Transmission Connections Review. I have worked as a transmission planner at the Ontario Power Authority and on facility applications for transmission projects at the Alberta Electric System Operator.

I am not requesting cost eligibility for my participation.

Please feel free to contact me about the foregoing at 587-534-5008 or chris@versoriumenergy.com.

Best regards,

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