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To: Office of the Registrar <Registrar@oeb.ca>

Subject: Letter of Interest - OEA Participation on Regional and Bulk Electricity Planning Working Group

Dear Ms. Marconi,

Please consider this email to be the Letter of Interest for the OEA to participate in the OEB's Advisory Group to provide input into the Review of Regional and Bulk Electricity Planning review arising under Section 4 of the Minister's Directive.

Our point of contact will be:

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The Ontario Energy Association is a leading industry association encompassing electricity, gas and "new" energy services such as demand response and DER providers.

Given the diversity of our membership and the scope and scale of the energy transition, regional and bulk planning will be an essential function in meeting growth needs in Ontario's energy systems, with aspects that touch all elements of our membership. The touchpoints include load growth, Dx and Tx sufficiency/constraints, local and regional bulk resource uptake, grid modernization needs, eDSM/DER uptake, gas-electric integrated planning and other factors.

One of our key advantages is our ability to provide consolidated industry-informed technical, operational and strategic input provided by our membership and internal committees.

The OEA has already provided technical and policy on a wide range of related issues including the current proceeding on Connection Processes, previous and consultations on Housing and Energy Infrastructure, natural gas expansion, grid modernization and DER uptake.

We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with the OEB on this file.

Sincerely,

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