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

**Re: Regional and Bulk Electricity System Planning Review (EB-2025-0248) - Request for UCT2 to Participate in Advisory Group**

On August 29, 2025, the OEB announced that it was establishing an Advisory Group to support its review of the regional and bulk electricity system planning processes. We understand the review will explore opportunities to enhance the planning process by:

- o Aligning regional and bulk planning with load growth
- o Increasing flexibility and responsiveness
- o Shortening planning timelines, and
- o Evaluating the formalization of bulk planning.

UCT2 appreciates that this participation request is late and seeks latitude for this. By way of this letter, Upper Canada Transmission 2 (UCT2) nominates two representatives to this advisory group.

- Organization name – Upper Canada Transmission 2, Inc. (UCT2)
- Proposed advisory group member name(s):
  - Tracee Collins – Project Director for UCT2, managing the utility asset
  - Jeff Damen - Operations Director for UCT2, and manages interconnection requests
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- Interest: UCT2's interest in regional and bulk planning issues are many. As a key transmission asset in the Northwest region of Ontario, we are interested in ensuring interconnection needs are met through effective coordination between load, generation and transmission, and in a cost-effective and transparent manner. The province, through effective regional and bulk system planning, should be ensuring different options are on the table to provide alternative transmission solutions to address capacity and reliability constraints, an area where we hope to provide some insights. UCT2 is in an area that is experiencing growth, both of mining development, and renewable energy projects as part of LT2 (Long-Term 2 Procurement) and other IESO initiatives.
- Experience: Tracee and Jeff have both participated in various engagements with the IESO, including the Transmission Selection Framework (TSF) development, technical planning sessions, and bulk planning forums.

UCT2 appreciates the OEB's consideration of its nomination and looks forward to working with stakeholders in this important advisory working group.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracee Collins".

Project Director, UCT2