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Ritchie Murray
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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Consultation on the Regulatory Treatment of Local Electricity Demand-side Management (Stream 2) Programs
Ontario Energy Board (OEB) File No: EB-2025-0156**

In accordance with the OEB letter issued September 29, 2025, please find attached OEB staff's time estimate and planned topics of questioning for the IESO-LDC Working Group at the October 8-9, 2025 stakeholder session. OEB staff requests a total of 80 minutes for questioning. OEB staff also requests to be first in the schedule to ask questions of the Working Group (following the Working Group's initial presentation).

Myself and Pauline Shen, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Accounting, will be asking questions on behalf of OEB staff.

Any questions relating to this consultation should be directed to Michael Parkes, Project Lead at michael.parkes@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Michael Parkes
Senior Advisor, Application Policy & Conservation

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cc: All parties in EB-2025-0156

Lines of Questioning and Estimated Times

OEB staff anticipates that it will ask questions on the following general issues but may develop additional or different lines of questioning within its total time allowance.

OEB staff expects that questions will primarily reference the original eDSM Working Group report and the follow-up responses submitted in response to OEB staff questions, with limited reference to other publicly available material.

However, OEB staff notes in advance that the Working Group response to Staff-2 briefly mentions a new aspect of the proposal – a “base eDSM model” to calculate distribution system benefits. It would be helpful if the Working Group can provide more details on this aspect of the proposal, at the stakeholder session or separately in writing. OEB staff also have a new question related to the IESO’s definition of eDSM and the scope of eDSM activities eligible for funding, which was not part of the original set of OEB staff questions.

Topic	Relevant Working Group Responses	Estimated Time
Identification of system need and benefit-cost analysis	Staff-2, Staff-4, Staff-5, Staff-17(a), Staff-22	30 minutes
Program budget, reporting, incentives and evaluation	Staff-1, Staff-13, Staff-14, Staff-17(b), Staff-23	20 minutes
Accounting aspects	Staff-7, Staff-8, Staff-9, Staff-12, Staff-13, Staff-16	30 minutes
Total		80 minutes