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

Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: LIEN's Request for Cost Eligibility for the OEB Review of the Valuation of Distributed Energy Resources (EB-2025-0268)

Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP is counsel for the Low-Income Energy Network ("LIEN") for the above referenced proceeding.

LIEN'S REQUEST FOR COST AWARDS:

LIEN is seeking cost eligibility in this proceeding and requests that the OEB find LIEN eligible for costs under section 3.03 (a) of the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. LIEN "primarily represents the direct interests of consumers (e.g. ratepayers) in relation to services that are regulated by the Board". LIEN has been accepted as a party eligible for an award of costs in many other proceedings before the OEB.

As a joint program of the Advocacy Center for Tenants Ontario and the Canadian Environmental Law Association, LIEN occupies a unique intersection of anti-poverty and public interest environmental advocacy and represents over 75 member groups across Ontario. As a network representing the intersection of interests related to low-income consumers and energy sustainability, LIEN's focus is on reducing the energy bills of all low-income consumers and providing low-income consumers the opportunity to better manage their energy bills. This proceeding will directly impact low-income energy consumers as it is a consultation regarding the review of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and how best to unlock their value to reduce barriers to participation and support smarter planning and investment. Unlocking barriers will help to ensure that the most cost-effective solutions are in place and this will contribute to the pacing of grid distribution system investment and the minimization of rate impacts to low-income consumers. As a result, decisions related to this review could impact what



low-income consumers pay for electricity and LIEN's participation will ensure that the perspective of low-income energy consumers is considered in the review of DERs.

LIEN has retained Judy Simon & Associates Inc. to provide consulting services to LIEN in this proceeding. Ms. Simon is an expert on energy policy and conservation in Ontario and has been retained for expert advice in many proceedings by LIEN, related to these issues.

Yours truly,

Ali Naraghi
Associate

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