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John Henry
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Re: Elexicon Energy Investment Plan 2027 - 2031

Dear Mr. Murray:

I am providing this letter in support of the 2027-2031 Investment Plan submitted by Elexicon Energy to the Ontario Energy Board. As Ontario advances its objective to significantly increase housing supply and support economic growth, it is critical that the foundational infrastructure required to enable this growth is planned for and delivered in parallel. Among the most essential of these systems is electrical infrastructure. Reliable and sufficient electrical supply is not a “nice to have”—it is a fundamental requirement to keep homes powered, businesses operating, and communities functioning safely and efficiently.

Durham Region is one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario. With a current population of approximately 812,000 and projections to reach 1.3 million by 2051, our communities are experiencing sustained residential, industrial, and commercial growth. We are actively working to advance a greater supply and diversity of housing to respond to provincial direction and local demand. In this case, we are referring to electrical infrastructure; however, municipalities require a full range of supporting infrastructure to enable growth, including water, wastewater, and roads. Like many fast-growing communities, we are working to keep pace with local demand, but our ability to do so is directly tied to the capacity and readiness of this infrastructure.

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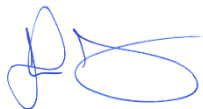
Electrical infrastructure underpins our growth—from new housing developments and intensification projects to employment lands, community facilities, and critical services. As development accelerates, pressure on the electrical system continues to increase. Addressing existing capacity constraints, improving reliability, and expanding the system to support future growth are essential to meeting both current needs and long-term provincial objectives.

Approximately 82 per cent of Elexicon's customer base is within Durham Region, and our experience reflects the growing demands placed on local electrical systems as communities expand and intensify. Investments to address backlogs, modernize infrastructure, and expand capacity are necessary to ensure that growth can proceed in a timely, orderly, and sustainable manner.

Elexicon has outlined how its proposed Investment Plan is intended to address capacity, asset condition, and reliability needs across the communities it serves. As a customer, Durham Region recognizes the need for sustainable investment in the grid to support safe and reliable service.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours truly,



John Henry
Regional Chair and CEO

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