

May 29, 2026

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

via email (registrar@oeb.ca)

Dear Mr. Murray,

RE: EB-2026-0009 – Review of the Model Franchise Agreement

The Corporation of the County of Middlesex (and its eight lower-tier municipalities) and the Corporation of the City of London have reviewed the Draft Issues List circulated as part of Procedural Order No. 1 in the above-noted proceeding.

At this preliminary stage of the proceeding, we do not presently object to the Ontario Energy Board reviewing the proposed issues identified in the Draft Issues List or the proposed scope of the proceeding as currently framed.

However, this correspondence should not be interpreted as us supporting, agreeing with, or conceding to any potential future amendments to the Model Franchise Agreement, nor should it be interpreted as limiting or prejudicing any future positions that may be advanced by either municipality as the proceeding progresses.

Rather, the intent of our participation at this stage is simply to preserve our ability to provide further comments and take substantive positions later in the process as additional information becomes available and the proceeding moves into more substantive stages.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Samuels".

David Samuels
Director of Legal Services, County of Middlesex

cc:

Tara Pollitt, City Solicitor, City of London

*Jonathon Graham, Division Manager, Geomatics
Construction & Infrastructure Services, City of London*

Chris Traini, Middlesex County Engineer/Deputy CAO