

OECA - Ontario Energy Collaborative Association



Mr. Ritchie Murray
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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
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Submitted via RESS and email

Re: An Integrated Approach to Utility Remuneration – Next Generation Rate Framework
OEB File No. EB-2026-0002

Dear Mr. Murray,

On behalf of the Ontario Energy Collaborative Association (OECA), I am writing to register OECA's interest in participating in the Customer Connections Advisory Group for Phase II of the Distribution Customer Connections Review, OEB File No. EB-2025-0204.

Organization: Ontario Energy Collaborative Association (OECA)

Proposed participant(s):

- Marc-Antoine Joly, Co-Founder, VP, Co-Chair of Ontario Energy Collaborative Association
- Rick Baker, Co-Founder, President, Chair, of Ontario Energy Collaborative Association.

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OECA is interested in participating because customer connections are becoming a practical constraint for economic growth, electrification, housing, distributed energy resources, and local energy planning. The Phase II review is particularly relevant to OECA's mandate as a collaborative energy association focused on improving coordination, customer understanding, and practical implementation across Ontario's energy sector.

OECA supports the OEB's focus on clearer procedures, better communication, coordinated distributor-transmitter processes, and practical performance metrics. From a customer-facing perspective, connection processes need to be understandable, predictable, and transparent, while still allowing utilities to manage safety, system planning, cost allocation, and technical requirements appropriately.



Expertise and experience OECA can bring to the advisory group:

OECA can contribute a cross-sector customer and practitioner perspective, including experience with energy planning, infrastructure coordination, distributed energy resources, utility-facing customer issues, asset management, resilience planning, and implementation barriers affecting municipalities, institutions, commercial customers, industrial customers, and smaller organizations without dedicated regulatory teams.

OECA is particularly interested in helping ensure that the procedures, requirements, and performance metrics developed through Phase II are practical, customer-oriented, and capable of improving clarity without creating unnecessary administrative complexity. OECA can also support plain-language framing and stakeholder coordination so that the final materials are easier for customers and non-specialist participants to understand and use.

OECA requests cost award eligibility for participation in the Phase II DCC Review consultation. A separate cost eligibility request addressing the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards will be filed in accordance with Appendix A of the June 9, 2026 letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate. OECA would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the advisory group and support the OEB's work to improve distribution customer connection processes in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc-Antoine Joly".

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