



April 8, 2021

Ontario Energy Board
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Attn: Christine E. Long, Registrar

Re: Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives (EB 2021-0118)

Dear Ms. Long,

Please accept this response to your letter dated March 23, 2021, calling for nominations for the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group ("FEI WG"). This letter serves to nominate Tim Sturgeon, General Manager of Essex Energy Corporation, as a member of the working group to help develop recommendations to the OEB for the inclusion and use of Distributed Energy Resources ("DERs"), which will further support the deployment and adoption of cost-effective solutions for utilities.

Tim would be an invaluable addition to FEI WG, having over 13 years of experience in Ontario's energy sector and over 35 years in progressive business roles. He has participated in the Ontario Demand Response ("DR") Programs at both the provincial and regional (York DR program) level dating back to 2008. Both programs aimed to achieve a cost-effective solution to mitigate future capital costs within the Electrical System. In addition, Tim has also been part of the Province's various conservation initiatives, which aimed to reduce load and electricity bills for users, all the while significantly reducing overall GHG emissions Tim has also sat as an observer on the Conservation First Framework Mid-Term review committee to assist in evaluating programs and providing feedback sought from stakeholders on the efficacy of the Framework.

During Tim's tenure in the energy sector, he has worked with LDCs, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional clients of various sizes to meet their energy goals and objectives. Tim has worked on various Distribution Grid engineering projects, including the recent Achievable Potential Study in the Parry Sound area. Most recently, he has worked to introduce DERs to the system in either a grid sized solution or as a BTM solution for users to have power certainty, value and resiliency.

As a member of the Energy Innovation Working Group, it can be said with certainty that Tim will bring a valuable viewpoint from both the LDC and end-user perspectives.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Avdoulos", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Avdoulos
President & CEO,
Essex Power Corp