

April 14, 2021

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group

Please accept the Electricity Distributors Association's (EDA) nomination of Kathi Farmer as a member of the Framework for Energy Innovation (FEI) Working Group.

In her capacity as the EDA's Senior Regulatory Affairs Advisor, Ms. Farmer is experienced in the economic regulation of electricity distribution utilities in Ontario and is familiar with all aspects of their operations and management. She has ready access to our members and their subject matter experts. Ms. Farmer will be able to work with our members to readily establish their perspectives and positions on the issues and will be uniquely able to broadly communicate all aspects of the Working Group's activities. A unique advantage of including the EDA on the Working Group is having access to our broad membership that includes LDCs of all sizes, connection configurations (e.g., directly connected, embedded), who rely on a wide range of technologies to provide distribution services to serve a range of customers and customer mixes. The EDA is uniquely positioned to keep members updated on the FEI and engage with members on the FEI's work.

We would also like to nominate Ms. Farmer to serve as the leader of the FEI Working Group. Ms. Farmer has a well-earned reputation for being objective, balanced and respectful in how she manages the issues and engages with people. If it is of interest to the OEB, we support co- or joint-leadership of the Working Group, where Ms. Farmer could represent LDCs with another co-leader representing DER proponents.

Thank you for considering this nomination, we look forward to learning your decision and of the Working Group's next steps.

Sincerely,



Teresa Sarkesian
President and Chief Executive Officer