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To: Office of the Registrar <Registrar@oeb.ca>

Subject: Letter of Comment – Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited (Case EB-2026-0129)

To the Registrar of the Ontario Energy Board,

I am writing to submit formal comments regarding Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited's application for approval of a Non-Wires Solutions (NWS) Incentive Mechanism (Case EB-2026-0129).

As a resident and ratepayer in Toronto, I support the transition toward efficient, non-wire alternatives to grid expansion. However, I wish to address the following concerns regarding the proposed financial terms:

- Incentive Rate (25% MoP): The proposed 25% Margin-on-Payments incentive appears excessive. While I recognize the importance of incentivizing utilities to adopt non-traditional solutions, a 25% markup on third-party payments introduces significant costs to consumers that may diminish the overall benefits of the NWS program.
- Cost Recovery: The use of a deferral account to record these amounts for future disposition is concerning. This approach risks "rate shock" for consumers when accumulated costs are eventually integrated into distribution rates.

I request that the Board scrutinize whether a 25% margin is the minimum necessary to achieve the desired outcomes, or if a more consumer-friendly incentive rate would be appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

Srinivasan Balaramane

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