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Dear Members of the Smart Grid Advisory Committee,

Re: Recommendations of the Smart Grid Advisory Committee pertaining to barriers to the integration of energy storage

I would like to thank the members of the Smart Grid Advisory Committee (the “Advisory Committee”) and the Storage Working Group for providing the Board with their thoughtful recommendations regarding the regulatory barriers to energy storage integration. I am pleased to share the Advisory Committee’s report with the Ministry of Energy, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) because the responsibility for many of the issues identified in the report is within the purview of these entities.

In its report the Advisory Committee provides an overview of the different barriers to storage integration as applicable in a variety of possible scenarios. This information will assist the Board, the Ministry, the IESO and the OPA as the sector works toward achieving the Government’s objectives for energy storage established in the *Long Term Energy Plan, 2013*.

The Advisory Committee identified a number of issues to be investigated further. Initially, the Board intends to examine issues related to the licensing of storage facilities. In addition, the Board intends to work with the OPA and IESO to determine the data that should be collected about the storage projects arising out of their current procurement efforts. The Board believes the data from these projects will be useful in informing future processes on other issues identified in the report such as the appropriate rates and charges for storage facilities. The Board expects to rely on the continued advice and assistance of members of the Advisory Committee (and Working Group) as this work is undertaken.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Roy Hrab at [roy.hrab@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:roy.hrab@ontarioenergyboard.ca) or at 416-440-7745. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,



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