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May 12, 2017

Hon. Glenn Thibeault
Minister of Energy
Hearst Block
900 Bay Street, 4th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A2E1



Dear Minister Thibeault:

Thank you for meeting with the Board of Directors of the Electricity Distributors Association (EDA) on May 2, 2017. We appreciated your willingness to engage in an open discussion on multiple and mutual priorities for your government and the LDC sector.

As discussed, LDCs remain committed to the successful implementation of the government's Ontario Fair Hydro Plan. The EDA will continue to work collaboratively with your Ministry on the communication of the plan along with the resulting electricity bill presentment changes. We also look forward to work related to disconnections and load limiters, to evolve an approach that will best serve the policy interests of the government, the commercial concerns distributors, and of course the interests of ratepayers.

The EDA appreciated the opportunity to discuss our vision paper, *The Power to Connect*, with you and to talk about how the document is a "conversation starter" that will ideally lead to a multi-stakeholder discussion on how to turn the vision into a reality. As we noted, we hope to see a reflection on the important role of Distributed Energy Resources (DER), innovation, and the important role of distributors in assisting customers better manage their energy needs in the upcoming Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP).

With respect to regulatory streamlining of the LDC sector, we thank you for the opportunity to provide you details on how Cost of Service Applications have become more onerous and to discuss the potential to realize efficiencies in this area. We are encouraged that the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan recognized the need to reduce red tape and further encourage shared services amongst LDCs. To this end, we look forward to working with you on the implementation of regulatory streamlining at the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) following the LTEP, and to our continued collaboration on finding efficiencies to the benefit of all customers.

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Once again Minister, thank you for meeting with the EDA's Board of Directors. If you have any questions about our sector, feel free to reach out to me directly at tsarkesian@eda-on.ca or 905-265-5313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Sarkesian', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Teresa Sarkesian
President and Chief Executive Officer
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c.c. EDA Board of Directors