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August 26, 2021

**To: All Licensed Electricity Distributors
All Licensed Electricity Transmitters
All Natural Gas Distributors
All Other Interested Stakeholders**

**Re: OEB Innovation Sandbox Renewal Consultation – Next Steps
Board File Number: EB-2021-0180**

On June 23, 2021 the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) initiated a consultation to renew its Innovation Sandbox.

Over the summer, OEB staff has been holding one-on-one and small group meetings with interested stakeholders to discuss opportunities for Sandbox renewal.

As the next step in this consultation, the OEB will hold a virtual stakeholder event on **September 30, 2021** from 1:00pm to 4:00pm to describe OEB staff's proposed changes to the Innovation Sandbox. Elements of its proposed Sandbox 2.0 design will be based on the input received during the one-on-one and small group meetings held with participants in July and August. Materials will be made available in advance of the meeting.

Stakeholders who intend to participate in the September 30 stakeholder event are asked to email notice of their intention to innovation@oeb.ca by **September 17, 2021**. Stakeholders who have indicated their interest in participating will receive details regarding the event in due course.

Written Feedback on Draft Sandbox 2.0 Design

Following the stakeholder meeting, participants will have the opportunity to provide written input on the draft Sandbox 2.0 design, which must be submitted to the OEB by

October 15, 2021. Prior to and during the September 30 meeting, OEB staff will provide guidance on any issues or design choices on which input would be of particular value to OEB staff.

Cost Eligible Activities

Cost awards will be available to eligible participants in relation to the Stakeholder Meeting and providing written comments as described in this letter:

ACTIVITY	TOTAL ELIGIBLE HOURS PER PARTICIPANT
Preparation for, attendance at, and reporting on the stakeholder meeting (for eligible participants and/or their consultants)	Up to 5 hours
Written comments on the Draft Sandbox 2.0 Design	Up to 4 hours

Any questions relating to this consultation should be directed to Rachele Levin at rachele.levin@oeb.ca.

DATED at Toronto, August 26, 2021

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

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Registrar

Appendix A: Filing Instructions for Written Comments

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To Letter Dated August 26, 2021

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Filing Instructions

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#).

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