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Independent System Operator of Ontario
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RE: Demand Response Working Group (“DRWG”) 2020 Priority Items

Dear Independent System Operator of Ontario (“IESO”);

Advanced Energy Management Alliance (“AEMA”) is a North American trade association whose members include distributed energy resources, demand response (“DR”), and advanced energy management service and technology providers, as well as some of Ontario’s largest consumer resources, who support advanced energy management solutions due to the electricity cost savings those solutions provide to their businesses. AEMA is pleased to provide comments of support for the 2020 DRWG priorities discussed at the February 25, 2020 DRWG meeting. The comments herein reflect those of the organization as a whole, not those of any individual members.

The priorities outlined for 2020 reflect discussion and input from the DRWG membership over the past six months. The review of the In-day adjustment and baselines will lead to a more accurate measurement of what is actually being provided, in terms of capacity, to the IESO. The separation of Virtual and Physical HDR will allow any baseline changes to reflect the value of each type of resource. Although ranked as a “secondary level of focus”, the need to reduce barriers to residential DR is still a top priority for AEMA members. Efficient data access, such as Green Button Connect, is key for DR to thrive in Ontario. AEMA recommends that IESO and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines work together to move forward on reducing barriers to data access; AEMA welcomes updates at the DRWG as well as an opportunity to provide input to the Ministry.

With the changes to the Capacity Auction timelines, the immediacy of these priorities is key and AEMA members are ready to continue working. Please do not

hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or +1 [REDACTED] should you have questions regarding AEMA's interest in Ontario.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katherine Hamilton
Executive Director
Advanced Energy Management Alliance