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Re: Long-term Energy Planning Framework in Ontario

Sustainable Buildings Canada (SBC) is pleased to submit the following commentary regarding the potential reformation of the Long-term Energy Planning Frameworks in Ontario. With a mandate to promote and advocate for higher energy and environmental performance in the built environment, SBC believes it is critical that whatever framework is established it must accommodate the prioritization of energy efficiency solutions – demand-side management as a priority.

There is much evidence that supports the concept that saving energy and resources – in this case, electricity and natural gas is a more cost effective solution for meeting our future energy requirements than supply side alternatives. Coupled with the obvious environmental and greenhouse gas reduction benefits, SBC also contends that investments in energy efficiency result in greater economic returns in the form of re-investment and job creation. Ontario already has significant knowledge and capacity to delivery cost effective energy efficiency. The various planning and regulatory authorities must be given the mandate to amplify and accelerate that capability so we can truly transform our energy sector.

Founded in 2003 as a not-for-profit organization, SBC undertakes a variety of activities including the delivery of the Savings by Design program in Ontario, a major annual conference (the Green Building Festival), quarterly workshops focusing on topical climate change related issues, ad hoc research activities and advocacy efforts. With offices in Toronto and Ottawa, SBC has a professional working Board that oversees strategy and participates in the delivery of our various projects.

SBC would be happy to provide further information regarding our activities and how we might provide specific direction and guidance as relates to achieving aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Thank you and best regards,

Executive Director,
Sustainable Buildings Canada