



The Corporation of the
Town of LaSalle

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Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Board Secretary

Re: Board File No. EB-2009-0143
Essex Powerlines Corporation – 2010 Cost of Service Application
Intervention of the Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of
Leamington, Town of Tecumseh (as representatives of the Streetlight Class)

Pursuant to the Notice of Application and Hearing issued by the Board on October 21, 2009, the Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh, as representatives of the Streetlight Class are hereby providing Notice of Intervention in the EB-2009-0143 proceeding for the Board's consideration.

Should you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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Director of Finance & Treasurer
Town of LaSalle

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Ontario Energy Board

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Essex
Powerlines Corporation for an Order or Orders
approving or fixing just and reasonable distribution
rates and other charges, effective May 1, 2010.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
Of
Town of Amherstburg,
Town of LaSalle,
Municipality of Leamington, and
Town of Tecumseh
(as representatives of the Streetlight Class)

The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh
(as representatives of the Streetlight Class) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.

Statement of Interest

The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh are lower tier municipal governments within the upper tier County of Essex located within South Western Ontario. Each municipality is a 25% voting shareholder in the Essex Power Corporation, the 100% owner (holding company) of Essex Powerlines Corporation. As part of their municipal responsibilities and service delivery each municipality provides Street Lighting within their respective municipal boundaries.

The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh will be representing the Street Lighting Class which is scheduled to receive a 166% increase in Street Lighting Distribution Costs under the current application for electricity distribution rate change for Essex Powerlines Corporation. This amount could be subject to an additional increase of 339% bringing the total increase to 505% should the OEB standard model be applied.

The full extent increase of 505% would have a severe financial implication on the operating budgets of each municipality – on average a 0.5% to 1.5% increase in the municipal tax rate beyond the already contemplated increases associated with the 166% increase current included in the rate review submission. These increases, coupled with the state of the regional economy will most certainly adversely affect ratepayers in our municipalities by either service cuts or increased taxes.

The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh will be intervening on issues which are believed to be in the municipal and municipal ratepayer's interest.

Intervention

The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh intends to appear and participate in the hearing, expects to be a full-time intervenor, and will be assisted by experts and may call evidence. The scope of involvement in this Application may evolve from a passive role to that of more active participation, or some point in between.

Costs


The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding, and expects to intervene responsibly, cognizant of the Board's guidelines regarding cost awards.

Communications

Communications relating to this Notice of Intervention, including but not limited to a copy of all documents filed with the Board by Essex Powerlines Corporation, are required by The Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle, Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh. The Town of LaSalle has been authorized and has agreed to act as the principal contact and coordinator and as such all communications and should be directed to:

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DATED at LaSalle, Ontario this 5th day of November, 2009.



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*On behalf of: Town of Amherstburg, Town of LaSalle,
Municipality of Leamington, and Town of Tecumseh*