

October 11, 2017

VIA RESS AND COURIER

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
26th Floor, Box 2319
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli;

RE: APPLICATION BY ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR DISTRIBUTION RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 (EB-2017-0024) – RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT RE INTERROGATORY RESPONSES

On July 7, 2017, Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra Utilities”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) for electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2017. Alectra Utilities is hereby filing its responses to interrogatories which, pursuant to Procedural Order #1 (revised by the OEB on September 15, 2017), were received from:

- OEB Staff;
- Association of Major Power Consumers of Ontario (“AMPCO”);
- Building Owners and Managers Association (“BOMA”);
- City of Hamilton (“COH”);
- Consumers Council of Canada (“CCC”);
- School Energy Coalition (“SEC”); and
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

The responses are being filed electronically through the OEB’s RESS system. In addition, two hard copies are being provided via courier. Included with the electronic filing are live Excel models for the following responses:

G-Staff-1	Global Adjustment (“GA”) Workforms by Rate Zone (4)
G-Staff-2	IRM Models (3) and Rate Generator Models (3)
Staff-ERZ-19	LRAMVA Workform
HRZ-Staff-2	Cost of Power (“COP”) Calculations
HRZ-Staff-14	LRAMVA Workform

HRZ-Staff-18	IRM Model
PRZ-Staff-21	LRAMVA Workform
PRZ-AMPCO-6	2018 Capital Projects by Spending Categories (Table 93 at Exhibit 2, Tab3, Schedule 10, p.8)
ERZ-AMPCO-3	2018 Capital Projects by Spending Categories (Table 133 at Exhibit 2, Tab 4, Schedule 11, p.19)
ERZ-AMPCO-9	Table 32 - Health Index as Numerical Quantities
ERZ-AMPCO-13	Material Capital Projects 2017-2022

In addition, Alectra Utilities hereby requests confidential treatment for certain information that forms part of its response to BOMA Interrogatory #12. This request is made in accordance with Rule 10 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and section 5.3 of the Board's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*.

The purpose of this request is to protect the confidentiality of information in a service proposal, which was received by Alectra Utilities from a third party. In particular, the proposal was received in connection with Alectra Utilities' efforts to engage a third party for the purpose of carrying out customer consultation activities and associated analysis and reporting. If disclosed, the document would reveal commercially sensitive information of a third party, including details regarding the methodology utilized by the service provider (Innovative Research Group ("IRG")) and the contractual terms and pricing that resulted from a process of competitive negotiations. Disclosure of the document could prejudice the respective competitive position of Alectra Utilities and IRG in terms of future negotiations to procure or provide similar services.

A non-confidential summary of the agreement is provided in **Attachment "A"**. A confidential copy of the relevant materials is provided in **Attachment "B"**.

Yours truly,

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ATTACHMENT “A”

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION FOR WHICH CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT IS REQUESTED**

Non-Confidential Summary

The confidential information consists of a third party service proposal for the purpose of carrying out customer consultation activities and associated analysis and reporting. In particular, this proposal sets out the detailed methodology and work plan to be followed by the third party service provider (Innovative Research Group) as well as the pricing applicable to various components of work. Given that such information was obtained from or supplied by a third party to Alectra Utilities in confidence, it should not be made public without that party's consent. Further, the disclosure of the terms and pricing of the proposal – which resulted from an extensive process of competitive bidding and negotiations – could prejudice the respective competitive position of Alectra Utilities and the third party service provider in terms of future negotiations to procure or provide similar services. For these reasons, the particular harm to the parties involved outweigh the benefit to the public of disclosure.

ATTACHMENT "B"

CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS IN RESPONSE TO BOMA IR #12

[FILED IN CONFIDENCE]