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Kirsten Walli,  
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Dear Ms Walli:

**Re: Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra”)/EB-2017-0024**

We are counsel to the City of Hamilton (the “City”) in this proceeding.

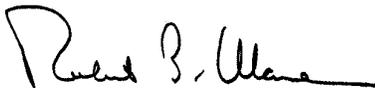
On Friday, November 3, 2017, we filed, on behalf of the City, submissions with respect to the content of the issues list in this matter. In those submissions we asked that certain issues be added to the issues list. In addition, we asked that the City be afforded the opportunity to lead evidence.

Whether an oral hearing is required, in order to deal with the issues which the City has asked be added to the issues list, turns largely on the question of whether the City and Alectra can agree on the rate impact of Alectra’s failure, in setting rates for the street lighting class, to give full effect to the City’s LED conversion program. Alectra has, in its interrogatory responses, agreed that, in setting rates for the street lighting class, it has not given full effect to the City’s LED conversion program. The City has indicated that, if it were allowed to file evidence, that evidence would indicate that the rate impact on it of the failure to give full effect to its LED conversion program is approximately \$500,000 per year. If Alectra and the City can agree on that estimated impact, then it may be possible to deal with the issues raised by the City in a written hearing.

That said, however, it is difficult to determine whether an oral hearing is required until the content of the issues list, and the full evidentiary record for the application, have been determined.

Yours truly,

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cc: Torys LLP  
Attention: C. Keizer and C. Smith  
cc: Alectra Utilities Corporation  
Attention: Indy Butany-DeSouza  
cc: Parties