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Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge St. – 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Attn:

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Expropriation of Anchoring Easements for Completion of the Expansion of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation's Distribution System

Orillia Power Distribution Corporation respectfully requests guidance in the following matter.

As per the Distribution System Code, Orillia Power Distribution Corporation initiated the construction of a 44kV/13.8kV overhead circuit to facilitate the servicing of two new major customers, namely - Lakehead University and a new community twin pad arena. The issue at hand is that a local developer who owns lands adjacent to the new line will not grant required anchoring easements to complete the line to our standards due to a dispute with the municipality involving a street name change. The municipality has told us that they are unable to secure the necessary easements on our behalf and have asked Orillia Power Distribution Corporation to proceed with expropriation if necessary.

We are hopeful that these necessary easements can be secured without the need to expropriate, but we may have no choice if we cannot otherwise provide permanent servicing to these two very important customers.

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If our only option is to proceed with expropriation, we would appreciate your guidance on the steps required.

Yours very truty

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