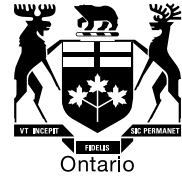


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February 10, 2016

Mr. Joe Barile
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Dear Mr. Barile:

**Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation
Application for Rates
OEB File Number EB-2015-0005**

As outlined in the case management letter issued on November 13, 2015, the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) Vice President, Applications has been delegated authority under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to make a decision on the 2016 Price Cap IR application filed by Essex Powerlines Corporation on November 2, 2015. All relevant information and updates to the application have now been provided. Any further changes to the models will be documented and provided to you for review.

Attached to this letter is a draft of the decision the delegated authority proposes to make based on the application and any subsequent updates or clarifications. Please review the decision and provide any comments. Please also review the accompanying draft Rate Order for accuracy and completeness. Any comments are to be provided no later than February 24, 2016.

The Vice President, Applications will consider your comments, if any, provided they have been received by the deadline, and issue a final decision and rate order in due course.

Any questions relating to this letter or your application should be directed to Georgette Vlahos, Analyst at 416-544-5169 or georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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