



September 23, 2016

Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Delay in Filing 2017 IRN Distribution Rate Application (EB-2016-0069)

Essex Powerlines Corporation ("Essex") is scheduled to file its 2017 Incentive Regulation Mechanism ("IRM") rate application for rates effective May 1, 2017 as a tranche 2 filer with a due date of September 26, 2016, per the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") letter dated July 14, 2016.

In January 2016, the OEB advised Essex that the OEB's regulatory audit and accounting group would review Essex's deferral and variance account ("DVA") group 1 and group 2 balances as at December 31, 2015. Essex's ability to submit a complete 2015 IRM application is pending the finalization of the OEB's DVA findings and final audit report. As such, Essex is unable to meet the September 26th 2017 IRM application deadline.

At this time, Essex has received a draft audit report from the OEB regulatory audit and accounting group and is working towards a conclusion on all remaining outstanding issues.

Essex remains committed to submitting a complete 2017 IRM distribution rates application no later than November 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Barile', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Joe Barile,
General Manager

cc: Ms. Barbara Robertson, Interim Manager Audit & Performance Assessment | Consumer Protection & Industry Performance