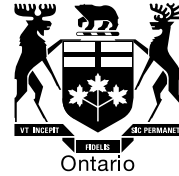


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BY E-MAIL

January 18, 2017

Lindsay Thiessen
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Dear Ms. Thiessen:

**Re: Essex Powerlines Corporation
Application for Rates
OEB File Number EB-2016-0069**

This will acknowledge receipt on January 12, 2017 of your 2017 IRM rate application. The OEB has assigned File Number EB-2016-0069 to this matter. Please refer to this file number in all future correspondence to the OEB regarding this matter. All information related to this matter must be filed with the Board Secretary.

The OEB is currently conducting a preliminary review of your application. Upon completion of this review the OEB will communicate the next steps in the process.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to Kelli Benincasa, Analyst at 416-440-7624 or Kelli.Benincasa@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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