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**BY E-MAIL** 

September 1, 2017

Susan Reffle Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation 100 Taunton Road East Whitby ON L1N 5R8 sreffle@whitbyhydro.on.ca

Dear Ms. Reffle:

## Re: Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation Application for Rates OEB File Number EB-2017-0085

The OEB received Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation's 2018 Annual IR Index application on August 15, 2017. The OEB has assigned file number EB-2017-0085 to the application. An employee of the OEB, to whom authority has been delegated under Section 6 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,* intends to make a decision on the application without holding a hearing.

Your application is available on the <u>2018 EDR webpage</u> of the OEB's website. You are directed to make a copy of the application available in a prominent place on your company's website within 3 business days.

OEB staff may have questions regarding the application and will be in contact with you directly by email, in writing, by telephone, or through one or more teleconferences. OEB staff has scheduled a teleconference for September 15, 2017, in the event that a teleconference is required. Please ensure that appropriate members of your staff are available at that time, or inform the OEB Staff member named below if this date is unworkable.

If any additional information is received from you in response to OEB staff questions, OEB staff will update the applicable models as necessary. All changes to the models

will be documented and provided to you no later than September 22, 2017. OEB staff will also outline any additional information that you need to provide.

If you have any comments regarding the updated models, please provide them to OEB staff, along with any additional information requested by OEB staff, by no later than September 29, 2017.

Following these steps, the delegated decision maker will provide you with a draft of the decision that he or she proposes to make. You may comment on the draft decision within 14 days. Where possible, a draft Rate Order and all applicable models will be enclosed for comment. In some circumstances you may be required to file a separate draft Rate Order. The delegated decision maker will consider your comments and issue a final decision and rate order.

Please note that the timely processing of the application depends on the receipt of information within the specified timelines. Any questions relating to this letter or the process for your application should be directed to Katherine Wang, Analyst at 416-440-7619 or Katherine.Wang@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Theodore Antonopoulos Director, Rates