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## **BY COURIER & RESS**

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD 2300 Yonge Street, 26th Floor, P.O. Box 2319 TORONTO, ON M4P 1E4

Re: Board File No. EB-2017-0056

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. - Licence No. ED-2002-0573

**Request to Bifurcate Application** 

Dear Ms. Walli:

On November 1, 2017, Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. ("KWHI") received Procedural Order #1. The dates set out in the Procedural Order #1 indicate that a decision will not be made prior to the beginning of KWHI's rate year of January 1<sup>st</sup>, due to complexities arising from the disposal of its Group 1 accounts.

In order to avoid an interim rate order for rates that are set mechanistically, KWHI is requesting that the IRM application be bifurcated into two issues: the first being for distribution and RTSR rates, and the second issue being the disposition of its Group 1 accounts.

Bifurcation of the application would allow for any changes to KWHI's base rates resulting from IRM to be completed to coincide with its rate year and for the disposal of its Group 1 accounts to be completed once the written hearing is completed in early 2018.

Should you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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