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**The Corporation of the Town of Collingwood
EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp.**

**Applications for approval of share acquisition
transactions and related matters**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
April 4, 2018**

The Corporation of the Town of Collingwood (Town) and EPCOR Collingwood Distribution Corp. (EPCOR) filed applications on December 27, 2017 under section 86 (2)(b) and section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) (Act). In the Notice of Hearing issued on February 13, 2018, the OEB determined that it will hold a combined public hearing to consider the applications filed.

The Town and EPCOR have requested approval under section 86(2)(b) of the Act for two share purchase transactions that result in EPCOR becoming the new owner of Collus PowerStream Corp. (Collus). The Town will first purchase the shares of Collingwood PowerStream Utility Services Corp. (Collus Holdco), the holding company of Collus, currently owned by Alectra Utilities Corporation. EPCOR will then purchase all of the shares of Collus Holdco from the Town.

EPCOR has also requested approval under section 78 of the Act for a one percent reduction in Collus' 2017 electricity distribution rates for residential customers, to be in effect for five years from the completion of the transactions.

The School Energy Coalition (SEC) filed an intervention request and also applied for cost eligibility. No objection was received from the applicants.

SEC is approved as an intervenor and is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Schedule A to this Procedural Order.

Cost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs for the attendance of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed.

Interrogatories

At this time, provision will be made for written interrogatories. Parties should not engage in detailed exploration of items that do not appear to be relevant and material to the OEB's review of a consolidation application. In developing interrogatories, parties should refer to the OEB's *Handbook to Electricity Distributor and Transmitter Consolidations*, for what the OEB considers in its review. In making its decision on cost awards, the OEB will consider whether intervenors made reasonable efforts to ensure that their participation in the hearing was focused on material issues.

Parties should consult sections 26 and 27 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

It is necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. OEB staff and SEC shall request any relevant information and documentation from the applicants that is in addition to the evidence already filed and that is relevant to the hearing by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on all parties by **April 19, 2018**.
2. The applicants shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all parties by **May 3, 2018**.

All filings to the OEB must quote the file numbers, **EB-2017-0373 and EB-2017-0374**, be made in searchable/unrestricted PDF format electronically through the OEB's web

portal at <https://pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>. Two paper copies must also be filed at the OEB's address provided below. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.oeb.ca/Industry>. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Judith Fernandes at judith.fernandes@oeb.ca and OEB Counsel, Michael Millar at michael.millar@oeb.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **April 4, 2018**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

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SCHEDULE A
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