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**BY E-MAIL**

November 19, 2018

Joerg Ruppenstein  
President and CEO  
Fort Frances Power Corporation  
320 Portage Ave.  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Dear Mr. Ruppenstein:

**Re: Application for 2019 Electricity Distribution Rates**

This letter is in response to your letter expressing an interest to defer Fort Frances Power Corporation's (Fort Frances) rebasing of its rates beyond the 2019 rate year to 2021.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has reviewed your letter, as well as Fort Frances' financial and non-financial scorecard performance from 2012 to 2017. Based on this review, the OEB has concluded that it will not require Fort Frances' 2019 rates to be set on a cost of service basis. This decision is based on information up to 2017 and will be reviewed again once 2018 information is available in order to confirm approval of the requested deferral to 2021.

If Fort Frances subsequently seeks a further deferral the OEB will consider whether the Annual Incentive Rate-setting Index method that was developed for distributors intending longer periods without rebasing should be applied.

In its deferral request letter, Fort Frances offered to file a distribution system plan (DSP) for 2019-2023 by December 1, 2018. The OEB does not require a DSP to be filed at this time. The OEB will address the timing of any DSP filing when it confirms Fort Frances' deferral request for the 2020 rate year.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary