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Ms. Kristen Walli
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**Re: EB-2019-0018 - Alectra Utilities 2020 Distribution Rates Application
Max Aicher (North America) Ltd. and Max Aicher (North America)
Bloom Mill (collectively, MANA) Intervenor Request**

Max Aicher (North America) Ltd. and Max Aicher (North America) Bloom Mill (collectively, “**MANA**”) hereby jointly apply for intervenor status and cost award eligibility in the EB-2019-0018 proceeding: an application by Alectra Utilities Corporation (“**Alectra**”) to the Ontario Energy Board (the “**Board**”) to approve new electricity distribution rates in its five zones effective January 1, 2020.

Interest in the Proceeding

MANA is a supplier of hot rolled steel bar products, owning two steel bar manufacturing facilities in the Alectra territory in Hamilton: Bar Mill and Bloom Mill.

As a commercial customer of Alectra, spending over \$1.5 million per year on electricity in the two facilities, MANA will be directly and materially affected by any Alectra electricity rate increases. The increased costs of electricity distribution will also significantly affect MANA’s competitiveness in the Canadian steel industry, and have a direct impact on MANA’s consideration of whether or not to expand its operations or facilities in the Alectra territory.

Issues to be Addressed

MANA intends to address the reasonableness of the electricity distribution rate increases, and the application of these rates to Alectra’s customer classes.

Hearing

Subject to the results of any settlement process ordered by the Board, MANA plans to be an active participant in the hearing, whether it is in an oral or written form.

Intention to Seek to Costs

As a direct and significant consumer (ratepayer) of Alectra's services, MANA intends to seek a costs award for its participation in this proceeding, and respectfully requests the Board's confirmation of its eligibility for costs pursuant to section 3.03(a) of the Board's *Practice Direction on Cost Awards*.

Counsel/Representative

MANA requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor's counsel, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Max Aicher (North America) Ltd. and Max Aicher (North America) Bloom Mill this July 2, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Richmond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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