

**BY E-MAIL** 

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Dear Ms. Blackwell:

## Re: Application for 2020 Electricity Rates

This letter is in response to your letter expressing an interest to defer Burlington Hydro Inc.'s (Burlington Hydro) rebasing of its rates beyond the 2020 rate year.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has reviewed Burlington Hydro's financial and nonfinancial scorecard performance from 2012 to 2017 and has concluded that it will not require Burlington Hydro's 2020 rates to be set on a cost of service (CoS) basis. This is the second year that Burlington Hydro has sought a deferral to filing a CoS rate application. If Burlington Hydro 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. The OEB will also consider whether the filing of a distribution system plan would be required at that time.

If Burlington Hydro intends to seek a rate adjustment for 2020 rates, the OEB expects Burlington Hydro to adhere to the process for Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting applications for the 2020 rate year.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary