

July 2, 2018

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2019-0018 – Alectra Utilities Corporation – 2020 Rates**

I am a consultant to the Consumers Council of Canada (“Council”). I have been instructed by my client to intervene in the proceeding to consider the Application to the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) by Alectra Utilities Corporation (“Alectra”) for approval of its 2020 rates and a rate adjustment mechanism to fund capital investments it says it is unable to fund through current rates. Alectra is also asking the OEB to reverse its decision to establish three capitalization deferral accounts. The Council is a public-interest entity which represents the interests of residential consumers in Ontario. The Board’s order in this proceeding will ultimately impact the rates that residential consumers pay for the delivery of electricity.

On December 10, 2018, the Council filed with the Board, pursuant to Rule 22.03 of the Ontario Energy Board’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a document describing the Council, its mandate and objectives, membership, the constituency represented, and the types of activities the Council carries out. In addition, we provided a list of the individuals authorized to represent the Council in Board proceedings.

The nature and scope of the Council’s intended participation in the proceeding will be the following:

1. To test the Applicant’s evidence specifically with respect to assessing the appropriateness of the proposals for capital funding and reversing the OEB’s Decision to establish certain capitalization deferral accounts;
2. To assess any other proposals that have been set out in the Application that may impact Alectra’s residential ratepayers; and
3. To participate in the various stages of the proceeding which may include an interrogatory process, a technical conference, a settlement conference and an oral hearing.

The Council intends to ask for an order of costs in this proceeding. The Council has participated in many electricity distribution applications over a long period of time. In all of those proceedings the Council has been recognized as being eligible for an award of costs. In the absence of an award of costs the Council would be unable to participate in this proceeding.

Copies of all Board Notices and hard copies of the Applicant’s evidence should be sent to me, at 62 Hillside Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1T5. My telephone number is 416-322-7936 and my e-mail is [jgirvan@uniserve.com](mailto:jgirvan@uniserve.com).

Please let us know if any further information from the Council is required at this time.

Yours truly,

*Julie E. Girvan*

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CC: Ken Whitehurst, Consumers Council of Canada  
Alectra, Regulatory Affairs