

Alectra Utilities Corporation

**Application for electricity distribution rates and other
charges beginning January 1, 2020**

DECISION ON CONFIDENTIALITY

July 24, 2019

Alectra Utilities Corporation (Alectra Utilities) filed a Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting rate application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on April 28, 2019 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Alectra Utilities charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2020. As part of this application, Alectra Utilities filed the following documents with selected portions redacted and requested confidential treatment of the redacted information pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings*¹ (Practice Direction):

1. Exhibit 4 Distribution System Plan, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Appendix A13, pages 20, 23, 33, 39 and 46 (Stations Capacity Investment Summary)
2. Exhibit 4 Distribution System Plan, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Appendix B, pages 63, 65, 82-83 and 202-203 (Business Cases)
3. Exhibit 4 Distribution System Plan, Tab 1, Schedule 1, Appendix L (Alectra Value Framework Implementation Document, referred to as the Report)

In a letter sent to the OEB on May 29, 2019, Alectra Utilities stated that documents 1 and 2 listed above contain information regarding the estimated values of certain properties on which Alectra Utilities' stations are situated. With respect to the Report noted in document 3, Alectra Utilities stated that it received the Report from Copperleaf Technologies, which is a third party commercial enterprise from which Alectra Utilities has procured a proprietary software solution, known as CopperLeaf C55, to assist in managing its capital investment portfolio.

¹ Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, October 28, 2016

The OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1 on July 9, 2019 that, among other things, set a schedule for submissions on the confidentiality request. OEB staff filed a submission on this issue on July 10, 2019. No intervenors filed submissions on the confidentiality request. OEB staff did not take issue with the confidentiality claims.

In its reply submission, Alectra Utilities stated that its requests for confidential treatment of the selected portions of the above noted documents remain as filed in the letter sent to the OEB on May 29, 2019.

Findings

The OEB accepts the submissions of Alectra Utilities. For documents 1 and 2, the OEB finds that the redacted information is confidential as it includes estimated values of certain properties that are the subject of commercial negotiations. The disclosure of such information could have a negative impact on Alectra Utilities' negotiating position. For document 3, the OEB finds that the redacted information is confidential as it contains third party information that is of a proprietary nature, such as formulas used in computer software. The disclosure of such information could adversely impact the company's competitive position and commercial interest.

DATED at Toronto, **July 24, 2019**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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