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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Suite 2701
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: OEB File No. EB-2018-0219
PUC Distribution Inc. ("Applicant") Application for 2019 ICM/IRM Rates
Amendment to the ICM Application – The Sault Smart Grid project**

Further to our letter dated June 28, 2019, we are writing to provide the Board with a status update of the amendment to the ICM Application.

The Applicant originally anticipated that the amended ICM Application would be completed and filed by the end of September 2019. Unfortunately, there have been some unexpected changes in staffing, which impeded the process of preparing the amended application. Simultaneously, as part of the amendment, the Applicant is also exercising its resources in the procurement process for an EPC contractor for the Sault Smart Grid project.

Nevertheless, the Applicant continues to exercise its greatest efforts in preparing the amended application for filing with the Board. Having reviewed the status of work still outstanding, the Applicant expects that it will be able to complete and file the amended application by the end of January 2020.

The Applicant regrets any inconvenience that this delay may cause and is much grateful for the Board's patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brewer", is written over a horizontal line.

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