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

Dear Ms. Long:

**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 October 10, 2019, we are writing to provide the Board with a status update of the amendment to the ICM Application.

The Applicant anticipated that the amended ICM Application would be completed and filed by the end of September 2019, subsequently revised to the end of January 2020 in the October 10, 2019 letter. Due the unexpected changes in staffing, which have impeded the process of preparing the amended application and the procurement process for an EPC contractor for the Sault Smart Grid project we are unable to file the revised application at this time.

Nevertheless, the Applicant continues to exercise its greatest efforts in preparing the amended application for filing with the Board. We will file the amended application as quickly as possible after further details of the EPC contractor process have been completed.

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

Sincerely,

PUC Services Inc.

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

Robert Brewer
President & CEO