

February 27, 2020

VIA RESS AND COURIER

Ms. Christine E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Long;

**RE: APPLICATION BY ALECTRA UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR DISTRIBUTION RATES
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 (EB-2019-0018) – REQUEST FOR INCREMENTAL CAPITAL
FUNDING**

On May 28, 2019, Alectra Utilities filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB” or the “Board”) under Section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* as amended and pursuant to the OEB’s *Filing Requirements for Incentive Rate-setting Applications* seeking approval for electricity distribution rates, and other charges, effective January 1, 2020. The Board assigned File Number EB-2019-0018 to the Application.

The Board issued a Partial Decision and Order (the “Partial Decision”) in this matter on January 30, 2020. At page 28 of the Partial Decision, the OEB provided the following three options for Alectra Utilities’ consideration related to requests for incremental capital funding:

1. File a cost-based application for rates effective in 2021 proposing updated capital requirements, in which case the rebasing deferral period would be terminated;
2. Amend the current application to request incremental capital funding in 2020 for projects that meet the ICM criteria. Further, the OEB provided that Alectra Utilities may consider a multi-year ICM; and
3. File an application for 2021 rates, in which Alectra Utilities would be eligible to request incremental capital funding through an ICM.

On February 10, 2020, Alectra Utilities filed a Draft Rate Order (“DRO”) that incorporated the OEB’s determinations in the Partial Decision. In the DRO, Alectra Utilities indicated that it is evaluating the proposed options and will file a letter with the OEB no later than February 27, 2020.

Alectra Utilities will amend its current application to request incremental capital funding for 2020 projects that meet the ICM criteria. Alectra Utilities continues to evaluate whether it will seek incremental capital funding for other years, as part of this amendment to the application. Alectra Utilities intends to file an amendment to the application no later than April 30, 2020.

Two hard copies of this submission will be delivered to the OEB via courier. An electronic copy of this submission is being filed using the Board’s RESS filing system.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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