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Dear Mr. Palimaka:

**Re: Application for 2020 Electricity Rates**

This letter is in response to your letter expressing an interest to defer Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation's (Bluewater Power) rebasing of its rates beyond the 2020 rate year.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has reviewed Bluewater Power's financial and non-financial scorecard performance from 2012 to 2017 and has concluded that it will not require Bluewater Power's 2020 rates to be set on a cost of service basis. However, no further requests for deferral will be granted. The OEB expects Bluewater Power to file a rebasing application for 2021 rates. Bluewater Power has proposed to file its distribution system plan (DSP), which is expected to be filed in April 2020 for January 1, 2021 rates or in August 2020 for May 1, 2021 rates, by August 31, 2019. The OEB will not require a stand-alone DSP to be filed as it can be filed with the 2021 rebasing application.

If Bluewater Power intends to seek a rate adjustment for 2020 rates, the OEB expects Bluewater Power to adhere to the process for Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting applications for the 2020 rate year.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary