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BY EMAIL

May 29, 2020

Ms. Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long

Re: **EB-2019-0261 Hydro Ottawa Limited 2021-2025 Custom Incentive Regulation (Custom IR) / Request for Extension of Filing of Expert Evidence**

Ontario Energy Board staff (OEB staff) note that, on May 28, 2020, Hydro Ottawa Limited (Hydro Ottawa) filed a letter with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) requesting an extension for the filing of its responses to interrogatories posed to it regarding its application. Hydro Ottawa was scheduled to file its interrogatory responses by May 29, 2020 in accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Confidentiality,¹ but has requested an extension of one week to file interrogatory responses by June 5, 2020.

As documented in a letter filed on the record on April 24, 2020, OEB staff has retained Pacific Economics Group Research LLC (PEG) to file expert evidence on total cost benchmarking and Hydro Ottawa's proposed Custom IR plan. In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Confidentiality, PEG was scheduled to file its evidence by June 12, 2020, two weeks after Hydro Ottawa filed its response to interrogatories. After that provision was made for filing of interrogatories on PEG's evidence and filing of responses to these interrogatories.

Should the OEB grant Hydro Ottawa's requested extension, OEB staff submits that the filing of expert evidence, interrogatories on expert evidence and responses to these interrogatories (items 7, 8 and 9 of Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on

¹ Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Confidentiality, March 31, 2020

Confidentiality) should be similarly granted extensions of at least one week. PEG is seeking additional information and clarification through the interrogatories posed to Hydro Ottawa, and requires this information in order to complete its analyses and evidence. OEB staff submits that the OEB will benefit through the improved quality if PEG is granted the time necessary to complete its work.

The following table summarizes the original and proposed revised deadlines for items 7, 8 and 9 in Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Confidentiality.

Item	Description	Original Date	Proposed Date
		Procedural Order No. 1 and Decision on Confidentiality	Per extension requested by Hydro Ottawa on May 28, 2020
7.	Filing of Expert Evidence	June 12, 2020	June 19, 2020
8.	Filing of Interrogatories on Expert Evidence	June 18, 2020	June 26, 2020
9.	Filing of Responses to Interrogatories on Expert Evidence	June 29, 2020	July 8, 2020 ²

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to myself at keith.ritchie@oeb.ca or at 416-440-8124. The Board's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

[Original Signed by]

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cc: Registered parties to EB-2019-0261

² Additional days are requested in order to accommodate the July 1 (Canada) and July 4 (United States) holidays in early July.