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BY EMAIL

July 12, 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) / Filing of Responses to Interrogatories on Expert Evidence of Pacific Economics Group Research LLC – SEC Interrogatory No, 7**

As documented in a letter filed on April 24, 2020, Ontario Energy Board (OEB) staff 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. 2 issued on May 29, 2020, OEB staff filed PEG's evidence, entitled *Custom Incentive Rate Mechanism Design for Hydro Ottawa*, on June 19, 2020.

Please find attached PEG's response to SEC interrogatory No. 7 (Exhibit L/Tab 4/Schedule 7). As noted in OEB Staff's cover letter filed on July 8, 2020, this interrogatory's response required additional analysis. It was intended that the response be filed on July 10, 2020, but PEG advised OEB staff that additional effort was needed for the technical mathematical analysis needed to respond to the interrogatory.

On behalf of PEG, I apologize for the further delay. However, as PEG's witness will be on the last panel during this week's Technical Conference, OEB staff believes that parties will not be inconvenienced in their preparations for questioning Dr. Lowry on PEG's evidence and interrogatory responses.

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

Yours truly,

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cc: Registered parties to EB-2019-0261