



December 3, 2020

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Christine Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
BoardSec@oeb.ca

Dear Ms. Long

Re: Elexicon Energy Veridian Rate Zone (VRZ) Application for 2021 Rates
File Number: EB-2020-0013

Please find enclosed the Reply Submission of Elexicon Energy – VRZ. This submission is also being sent to the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

Yours Truly,

Original signed by

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Elexicon Energy Inc. - Veridian Rate Zone (VRZ)

EB-2020-0013

**Reply Submission to the Ontario Energy Board, and the
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

December 4, 2020

Introduction:

On August 17, 2020, Elexicon Energy Inc. Veridian Rate Zone (VRZ) filed its Price Cap Incentive Rate-setting application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under Section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, seeking approval for changes to the rates that Elexicon Energy VRZ charges for electricity distribution effective January 1, 2021.

On October 22 and October 23, 2020 OEB Staff and the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) respectively filed Interrogatories (“IR”) as per the Procedural Order. On November 5, 2020 Elexicon Energy Inc. subsequently submitted its Interrogatory Responses (“IRR”) to the IRs.

On November 20, 2020 OEB Staff and VECC issued written submissions to the Board based on their review of Elexicon Energy’s VRZ Application and IRRs. Elexicon Energy VRZ respectfully submits this document as a Reply Submission to the OEB and VECC.

Elexicon Energy Inc. relies on its submission(s) and evidence in its Application and responses to IRs, and notes that OEB staff and Elexicon Energy Inc. are in agreement regarding the following issues:

- Group 1 Deferral and Variance Accounts - no disposition in 2021
- Disposition of Account 1568 – LRAMVA – rate rider set based on disposition of \$783,738 LRAVMA debit balance over 12 months
- Renewable Generation Connection Rate Protection (RGCRP) – finalization of two completed projects (Micro-grid Project and Index Energy Expansion Project); with funding approved for 2021 – 2028 – rates set for the OEB and IESO
- COVID-19 Forgone Revenue Rider – rate rider from Jan. 2021 – December 2021
- Rate Year Alignment – rate rider from January 1, 2021 to April 20, 2021 (credit)

OEB Staff and VECC both addressed the Communication Platform project and have submitted comments that Ellexicon Energy VRZ has not provided the necessary information required by the OEB and that the OEB would benefit from a more up to date set of evidence to support this request. OEB staff suggests that Ellexicon Energy provide information, including cost estimates and cost allocations, as part of the proceeding for the rate year in which the project will go into service.

At this time, Ellexicon Energy VRZ appreciates the concerns expressed by the OEB and VECC and will update this file when more current information is available.

As requested in OEB staff's November 20, 2020 submission, an updated 2 FA-FC is attached to this submission removing the costs of the Communication Platform from the RGCRP calculations from 2021 – 2028.

Updated: Table 1: RGCRT Funding 2021 – 2028 – Without the Communication Platform Project

Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Calculated annual amounts	\$74,719.46	\$74,506.66	\$74,070.54	\$79,470.61	\$76,717.16	\$73,963.72	\$71,210.27	\$68,456.83
True Up for end of 2020	-\$4,014.34							
Annual Amount Requested	\$70,705.12	\$74,506.66	\$74,070.54	\$79,470.61	\$76,717.16	\$73,963.72	\$71,210.27	\$68,456.83
Monthly Amount	\$5,892.09	\$6,208.89	\$6,172.55	\$6,622.55	\$6,393.10	\$6,163.64	\$5,934.19	\$5,704.74

Previous: Table 4: RGCRT Funding 2021 - 2028

Years	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Calculated annual amounts	\$74,719.46	\$78,633.73	\$83,470.57	\$105,503.67	\$108,761.97	\$99,728.30	\$93,539.58	\$87,350.86
True Up for end of 2020	-\$4,014.34							
Annual Amount Requested	\$70,705.12	\$78,633.73	\$83,470.57	\$105,503.67	\$108,761.97	\$99,728.30	\$93,539.58	\$87,350.86
Monthly Amount	\$5,892.09	\$6,552.81	\$6,955.88	\$8,791.97	\$9,063.50	\$8,310.69	\$7,794.97	\$7,279.24

Miscellaneous Items that the OEB and Ellexicon Energy agree to:

- Ellexicon Energy Inc. not to return \$137 to the Sentinel Lighting ("SL") due to the costs of implementing and tracking outweighing the benefits

- No establishment of a new variance account to track the difference between actuals as compared to the amounts refunded through the approved Rate Year Alignment Rate Riders. The OEB feels that this is not required as this is one time adjustment, and level of precision associated with such a variance account likely isn't necessary.

Elexicon Energy Inc. has appreciated the time that OEB Staff and VECC have taken to review our application for rates effective January 1, 2021.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -

Sincerely,

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