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**Sent by EMAIL, RESS e-filing**

Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
27-2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**RE: EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc. (License ED-2002-0518) 2020 IRM Application EB-2020-0018**

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Please find enclosed EPCOR's responses to the OEB Staff interrogatories received December 23, 2020. In addition, the following attachments have been included as part of this submission:

- EB\_2020-0018\_EPCOR\_LRAMVA\_WORKFORM\_01132021
- EB\_2020-0018\_EPCOR\_2021-IRM-Rate-Generator-Model\_01132021
- Participation and Cost Report - COLLUS PowerStream Corp. - 2019 04
- 2017 Final Verified Annual LDC CDM Program Results\_COLLUS PowerStream Corp.\_Report\_20180629

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Hesselink", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.  
Responses to OEB Staff Interrogatories  
2021 Electricity Distribution Rates Application  
EB-2020-0018  
January 12, 2021**

**OEB Staff-1**

**Ref:** (i) Updated IRM Rate Generator Model

OEB staff has updated EPCOR's Rate Generator Model for the following items:

1. Updated IPI from 2.0% to 2.2% (Sheet 16)
2. Updated TOU January 1, 2021 pricing (Sheet 17 and 20)
3. Updated OER from 33.2% to 21.2% (Sheet 20)
4. Removal of the inflationary increase related to the specific charge for access to the power poles (Sheet 17)

Please confirm these changes.

**EPCOR Response:** EPCOR confirms that these changes noted above have been made in the updated rate model but does note that the 'Current Tariff Schedule' does not reflect the final rate order received October 8, 2020, which includes the impacts of EPCOR's decision to defer the May 1, 2020 rate increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Final Tariff Schedule for rates effective May 1, 2021 is inaccurate.

**OEB Staff-2**

**Ref:** (i) IRM Rate Generator Model – Continuity Schedule – Accounts 1588 & 1589

Staff noticed principal adjustments captured in the IRM Rate Generator Model excel file, for 2019 related to accounts 1588 and 1589. These adjustments are then reflected in the GA\_Analysis Workform.

When the principle adjustments are removed, the total claim for these accounts do not match the amounts recorded in the RRR as of December 31, 2019.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Closing Balance as of Dec 31, 2019 (without principle adjustments)</b>	<b>RRR Balances as of Dec 31, 2019</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>1588</b>	132,982	(50,781)	(183,763)
<b>1589</b>	(23,565)	104,107	127,672

Please provide an explanation for the variances in the above table.

**EPCOR Response:** The amounts listed in the 'Variance' column on the table provided are equal to the reversal of the prior year adjustments for both the 1588 and 1589 accounts. By removing them (along with the adjustments to be posted in 2020), the continuity schedule will not match the 2.1.7 of the RRR as they were part of the 2018 principal adjustments posted in the GL in 2019.

Refer to EB\_2020-0018\_EPCOR\_GA\_ANALYSIS\_WORKFORM, tab 'Principal Adjustments' line 52 to see the values that match with the table included.

### OEB Staff-3

**Ref:** (i) LRAMVA Workform, Tab 5

The LRAMVA balances for the 2015 Legacy Framework Commercial & Institutional, 2016 Save on Energy Small Business Lighting Coupon, and 2017 Save on Energy Coupon Programs could not be reconciled to the Persistence and/or IESO Participation & Cost reports filed.

- (a) Please identify the source documentation and cell references for these LRAMVA balances. If this documentation was not filed as part of the initial application submission, please provide a copy. Please ensure that all confidential information is removed or treated in accordance with Rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

### EPCOR Response:

2015 Legacy Framework Commercial & Institutional:

- Source - 2017 Final Verified Annual LDC CDM Program Results\_COLLUS PowerStream Corp.\_Report\_20180629
- Updates:
  - 5. 2015-2020 LRAM Tab - demand persistence data updated.
  - 7. Persistence Report - kW and kWh data updated
- Reduction in LRAMVA claim of \$653.04 due to adjustments

2016 Save on Energy Small Business Lighting Coupon:

- Source - 2017 Final Verified Annual LDC CDM Program Results\_COLLUS PowerStream Corp.\_Report\_20180629
- Updates:
  - 5. 2015-2020 LRAM: Corrected as the 'Save on Energy Audit Funding Program and Save on Energy Retrofit Program Data were both incorrectly entered into the wrong program name
  - 7. Persistence Report - kW and kWh data updated
- No impact to LRAMVA claim

2017 Save on Energy Coupon Programs

- Source - Participation and Cost Report - COLLUS PowerStream Corp. - 2019 04 (the final P&C report received)

- Note that the 'Save on Energy Coupon Program and the Save on Energy Instant Discount programs are combined on the LRAMVA workform
- Updates:
  - 5. 2015-2020 LRAM: Corrected as the 'Save on Energy Audit Funding Program and Save on Energy Retrofit Program Data were both incorrectly entered into the wrong program name
  - 7. Persistence Report - kWh data updated
- No impact to LRAMVA claim

#### **OEB Staff-4**

- (a) Please provide updated IRM Model Rate Generator and LRAMVA Workforms reflecting any changes required in response to OEB Staff interrogatories, as required. Please indicate all changes in Tab 1-a of the LRAMVA workform.

**EPCOR Response:** A revised LRAMVA claim of \$107,144 is being submitted (a reduction of \$653 from the previous version). An updated rate model and LRAMVA workform is accompanying this submission.