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**BY EMAIL** 

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Dear Mr. Palimaka:

## Re: Bluewater Power Election of Annual IR for 2022 Rates

This letter is in response to your letters of December 16, 2020 and January 15, 2021 expressing an interest to remain on Annual IR Index for the 2022 rate year. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has reviewed both letters, and Bluewater Power's 2019 performance, and is granting the request.

In response to Bluewater Power's previous request to defer its 2021 cost of service rate application, the OEB placed Bluewater Power on Annual IR Index for rate-setting, and stated an expectation that Bluewater Power would file a cost of service application for 2022 rates. The OEB is granting Bluewater Power's request based on the stability of Bluewater Power's historical performance, the continuing impact of COVID-19, and recognizing that in normal circumstances there is no term for Annual IR Index.

Bluewater Power is not required to file a distribution system plan at this time. The OEB will place Bluewater Power on the schedule of utilities to file a cost of service application for 2023 rates, including a distribution system plan.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Christine E. Long Registrar