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September 9, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long Registrar and Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Re: Board File No. EB-2021-0018 Letter of Direction for Energy+ Inc.'s Application for 2022 Rates

Dear Ms. Long:

Please find enclosed the signed affidavit evidence for Energy+'s Notice of Application for 2022 Rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Molon, MBA, CPA, CMA Director, Regulatory Affairs & Financial Planning Tel 519.621.8405 Ext 2340 Fax 519.621.0383 Email: dmolon@energyplus.ca **IN THE MATTER OF** the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Energy+ Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving of fixing just and reasonable distribution rates and other service charges to be effective January 1, 2022, Board File No. EB-2021-0018.

AFFIDAVIT

I, DAN MOLON, of the City of Hamilton, MAKE AN OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

I am the Director, Regulatory Affairs and Financial Planning for Energy+ Inc. and as such have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.

Pursuant to the OEB's Letter of Direction dated September 1, 2021 (the "Letter") in the above referenced case and correction email dated September 2, 2021 (attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 1), Energy+ Inc. has completed the following steps:

- 1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Letter, the Notice of Application, the application and the evidence, and any amendments thereto were immediately posted in a prominent place on Energy+'s website. The form of notice posted on the Energy+ website is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 2.
- 2. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Letter, the Dated Notice, application and evidence were served directly by email on September 6, 2021 to all intervenors in Energy+'s previous rate application EB-2018-0028, namely: Brantford Power Inc., Consumers Council of Canada, Hydro One Networks Inc., School Energy Coalition, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc., and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition. The form of notice sent to the intervenors is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 3.

Sworn remotely by Dan Molon of the City of Hamilton in the Province of Ontario, before me at the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario, on September 8, 2021 in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

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Dan Molon

The attached document is **Exhibit 1** to the Affidavit of Dan Molon.

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EXHIBIT 1

LETTER OF DIRECTION CORRECTION EMAIL

Dan Molon

From:	Rudra Mukherji <rudra.mukherji@oeb.ca></rudra.mukherji@oeb.ca>
Sent:	September 2, 2021 9:21 AM
То:	Dan Molon
Cc:	Marc Abramovitz
Subject:	RE: *EXTERNAL* Letter of Direction and Notice - Energy Plus Inc 2022 IRM - OEB File No. EB-2021-0018

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Molon:

Your inquiry regarding the OEB's letter of direction dated September 1, 2021, was forwarded to me.

With respect to item 2 in the letter of direction, the inclusion of Association of Power Producers of Ontario and Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters in the list of parties to be served was the result of a typographical error. This email confirms that Energy + is only required to serve intervenors in EB-2018-0028, which includes: Brantford Power Inc., Consumers Council of Canada , Hydro One Networks Inc., School Energy Coalition, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition.

Therefore, the correct direction should read:

2. To arrange for the service of the enclosed Notice, the application and the evidence, directly on all intervenors in Energy+'s previous rate application EB-2018-0028, namely:

- Brantford Power Inc.
- Consumers Council of Canada
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- School Energy Coalition
- Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc.
- Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

As for the affidavit that is requested in item 3 of the letter of direction, the OEB will accept an affidavit that reflects the above correction.

We regret the error and if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Rudra

Rudra Mukherji, Manager, Adjudicative Process, Office of the Registrar 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor, Toronto ON M4P 1E4 | C 437.216.5666 | O 416.440.7608 | <u>OEB.ca</u>



From: Marc Abramovitz <Marc.Abramovitz@oeb.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:39 PM
To: Dan Molon <dmolon@energyplus.ca>
Subject: Re: *EXTERNAL* Letter of Direction and Notice - Energy Plus Inc. - 2022 IRM - OEB File No. EB-2021-0018

Dan, good point. I'll update the LOD tomorrow to reflect that. Thank you for the heads up.

Marc

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From: Dan Molon <<u>dmolon@energyplus.ca</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:34:22 PM
To: Marc Abramovitz <<u>Marc.Abramovitz@oeb.ca</u>>
Subject: FW: *EXTERNAL* Letter of Direction and Notice - Energy Plus Inc. - 2022 IRM - OEB File No. EB-2021-0018

Hi Marc,

The LOD received today has direction to serve notice to two parties that were denied intervenor status by the OEB in our 2019 Cost of Service application (Association of Power Producers of Ontario & Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters).

Ontario Energy Board	EB-2018-0028
	Energy+ Inc.

Energy+ did not object to any of the intervention requests but objected to APPrO's request for cost eligibility.

APPrO's and CME's requests for intervenor status are denied. The OEB is not satisfied that APPrO or CME have a "substantial interest" in the proceeding, within the meaning of Rule 22.02 of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

The LOD in our 2020 IRM Application (ICM) did not require serving notice to APPrO or CME either.

Should the LOD be updated to reflect only the approved intervenors?

Thanks,

Dan

From: Batul Rahimtoola <<u>Batul.Rahimtoola@oeb.ca</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Regulatory Affairs <<u>regulatoryaffairs@energyplus.ca</u>>; 'jvellone@blg.com' <<u>jvellone@blg.com</u>>
Subject: *EXTERNAL* Letter of Direction and Notice - Energy Plus Inc. - 2022 IRM - OEB File No. EB-2021-0018

Your attachments have been security checked by Mimecast Attachment Protection. Files where no threat or malware was detected are attached.

Dear Mr. Molon:

The OEB has today issued its Letter of Direction and Notice for the above mentioned proceeding. Please see attached.

Thank you.

Batul Rahimtoola, Senior Case Administrator, Applications Administration, Registrar's Office (she/her) 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor, Toronto ON M4P 1E4 | Toll Free No. 1-888-632-6273 | <u>OEB.ca</u>





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The attached document is **Exhibit 2** to the Affidavit of Dan Molon.

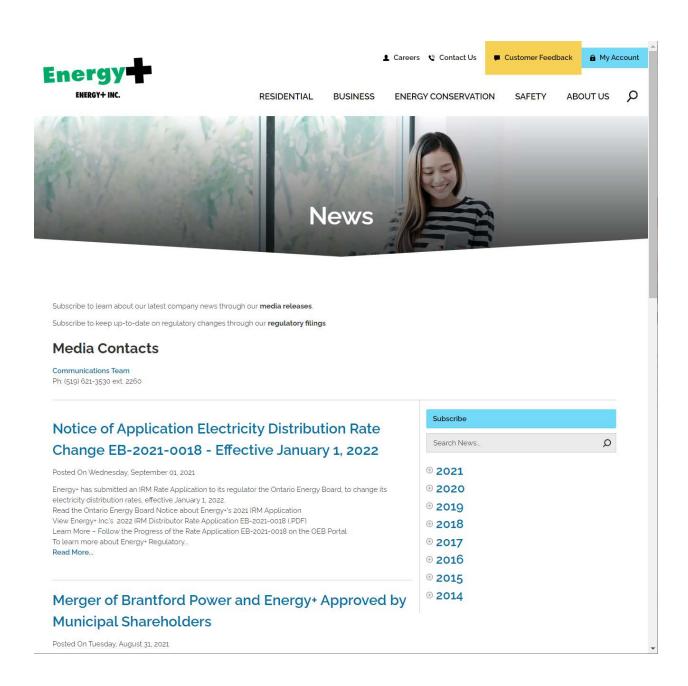
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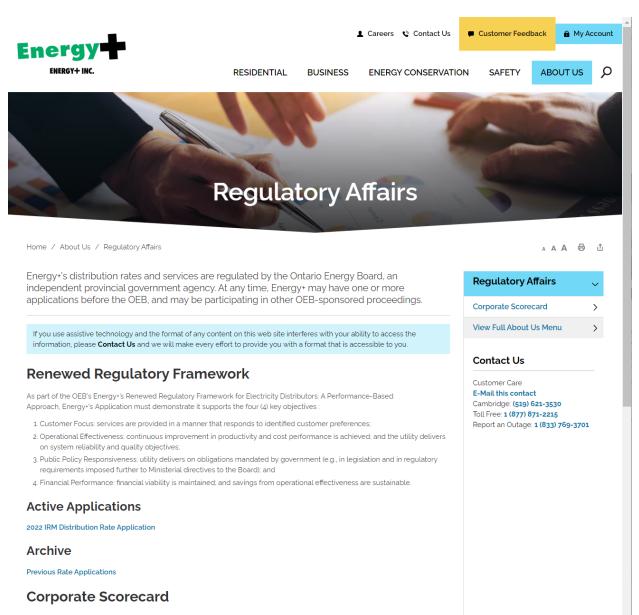
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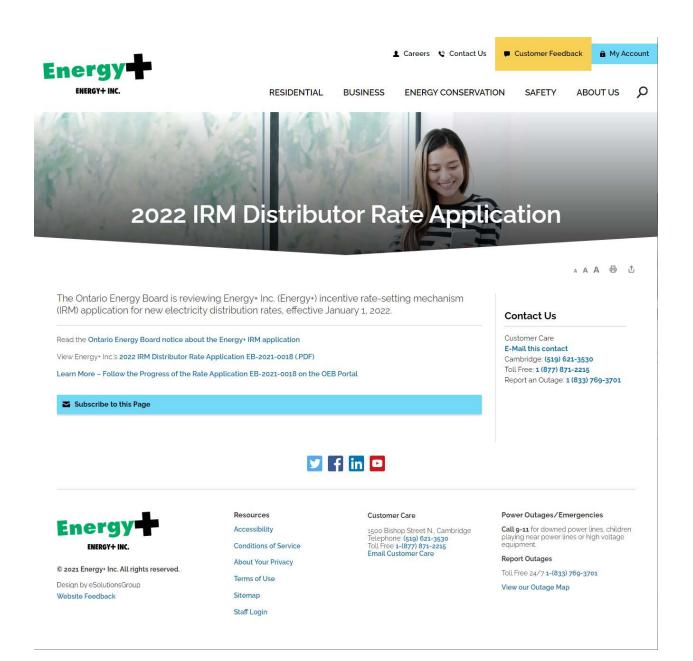
EXHIBIT 2

FORM OF NOTICE – WEBSITE





This Scorecard was developed to provide customers with information about four performance outcomes which Energy+



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EXHIBIT 3

FORM OF NOTICE – INTERVENORS

Dan Molon

From:	Dan Molon	
Sent:	September 3, 2021 4:35 PM	
То:	bdamboise@brantford.ca; 'Oana Stefan'; jgirvan@uniserve.com; Shelley Grice; Eryn MacKinnon; wmcnally@opsba.org; Mark Rubenstein; Jay Shepherd; melody.collis@toyota.com; Pete Leonard; Bill Fantin; Newland, Helen; John Lawford; Mark Garner; Bill Harper	
Cc:	Sarah Hughes	
Subject:	Notice of Hearing - Energy+ Inc. Rate Application (EB-2021-0018)	
Attachments:	Notice_Energyplus_IRM 2022_20210901.pdf	

Please find attached a copy of the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") Notice of Hearing for Energy+ Inc. with respect to its 2022 IRM Application (the "Application").

The Application has been posted to the Energy+ Inc. website at <u>www.energyplus.ca</u> and is also available on the <u>OEB's</u> <u>website</u>.

If you require any assistance in obtaining a copy of the Application, please reach out to me at <u>dmolon@energyplus.ca</u>.

Dan Molon, MBA, CPA, CMA Director, Regulatory Affairs & Financial Planning Energy+ Inc. 1500 Bishop St. P.O. Box 1060 Cambridge, ON N1R 5X6 Direct: 519-621-8405, Ext. 2340 Cell: 519-580-6982 dmolon@energyplus.ca www.energyplus.ca

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF ENERGY+ INC.

Energy+ Inc. has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2022

Learn more. Have your say.

Energy+ Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2022. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Energy+ Inc. would see the following increase:

Rate Class	Monthly Bill Impact
Residential 750 kWh	\$1.37 per month
General Service less than 50kW (2,000 kWh)	\$2.46 per month

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected.

The requested rate increase is set using an OEB-approved formula which is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. The rate increase also includes Energy+ Inc.'s request for incremental funding under the Ontario Energy Board's Advanced Capital Module policy to recover the costs related to the renovation of Energy+ Inc.'s administrative office in downtown Cambridge (Southworks project).

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Energy+'s application. We will determine whether the company has used the applicable models and formulas required by the OEB and whether to approve Energy+'s request for incremental funding for the Southworks project. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Energy+'s application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Energy+'s application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Energy+'s request. Apply by September 22, 2021 or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* and only in relation to Energy+'s request for incremental funding for the Southworks project.

LEARN MORE

These proposed charges relate to Energy+'s distribution services. They make up part of the Delivery line - one of the line items on your bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2021-0018**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2021-0018** on the OEB website: <u>www.oeb.ca/participate</u>. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing in this case. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 22, 2021**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be placed on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



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