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April 29, 2022

Cheryl Tratechaud CFO, Director of Stakeholder Relations E.L.K. Energy Inc. 172 Forest Ave. Essex ON N8M 3E4 <u>ctratechaud@elkenergy.com</u>

Dear Ms. Tratechaud:

Re: E.L.K. Energy Inc. (E.L.K. Energy) 2022 Cost of Service Rate Application OEB File Number: EB-2021-0016

On March 22, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued Procedural Order No. 1, (PO 1) which made provision for OEB staff and intervenors to file interrogatories and for E.L.K. Energy to respond to the interrogatories (IR responses) by April 28, 2022 and a settlement conference commencing May 11, 2022.

By letter dated April 27, 2022, E.L.K. Energy requested an extension to file its IR responses on May 6, 2022 and requested a later date for the settlement conference.

In an email on April 28, 2022, School Energy Coalition (SEC), one of the intervenors in the proceeding, expressed concern with E.L.K. Energy's request for the delayed filing date which would only provide 2 business days for parties to review the IR responses and prepare for the settlement conference on May 11, 2022. Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC), another intervenor in the proceeding, expressed similar concerns given its participation in other regulatory proceedings, and stated that it would be difficult for it to attend if the date for the settlement conference is rescheduled to start later in the month.

Later on April 28, 2022, E.L.K. Energy advised the OEB that the parties have agreed to proceed with the settlement conference on May 11 – 13, 2022, on the basis that E.L.K. Energy files most of its IR responses by May 2, 2022, and any remaining responses by May 3, 2022.

The OEB will approve E.L.K. Energy's request for an extension to file its IR responses and proceed with the settlement conference schedule to begin on May 11, 2022 on the following conditions:

- E.L.K. Energy shall file the majority of the written IR responses by 9:00 am on May 2, 2022, and the remaining IR responses by 5:00 pm on May 3, 2022.
- The settlement conference will commence, as scheduled, on May 11, 2022.
- All other procedural dates set out in PO 1 remain in effect.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

c: John A.D. Vellone, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP