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Dear Mr. Pistorius:

**Re: Intervention request of the Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA)
EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario Inc.'s (EPCOR Electricity Distribution
Ontario) application for 2023 Electricity Rates
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0028**

In Procedural Order No. 1, dated July 15, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) found that in the context of the current proceeding, “persons having a substantial interest in this proceeding are ratepayers located in that service area”. The OEB noted that it required additional information from SBUA before it can make its decision on SBUA’s intervention request. The OEB provided SBUA until July 20, 2022, to file “more information on its membership and how and on what basis it would represent the interests of small business ratepayers operating in EPCOR Electricity Distribution Ontario’s service area.”

By letter dated July 20, 2022, the SBUA provided additional information on its members in EPCOR’s service area. SBUA identified 4 small businesses in EPCOR’s service area that have joined SBUA. SBUA also noted that the number of members may increase because it is continuing its outreach efforts and that the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce and Thornbury BIA may also join SBUA. SBUA also noted that the feedback it receives from small businesses will be incorporated into any submissions it makes in this proceeding.

The OEB is satisfied that SBUA has a substantial interest within meaning of Rule 22.02 of the OEB’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*. SBUA is approved as an intervenor and eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB’s [Practice Direction on Cost Awards](#).

OEB staff will provide a draft issues list to SBUA. If SBUA wishes to provide any

comments on any draft issues list, it must provide those comments to OEB staff and the parties by **July 26, 2022**.

Yours truly,

Rudra Mukherji
Manager, Adjudicative Process

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