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August 23, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2021-0243: Generic Hearing on Uniform Rates-Related Issues and the Export Transmission Service Rate
Procedural Request of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) writes to request a short extension for filing of its submission on the above-noted matter, from the present due date of 2 September 2022 (as per Procedural Order No. 2 – 1 April 2022) to 6 September 2022 – being one working day and 4 calendar days, due to the Labour Day weekend.

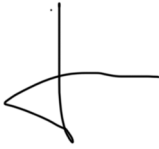
The reason for this request is the unavailability and uncontactability of our consultant, Mr. Bill Harper, during the week of 28 August to 3 September. Mr Harper has attended all technical conferences and discussions with parties on behalf of VECC to date. It is not practical or even possible for VECC to prepare its submission in this matter without the assistance of Mr. Harper.

We understand that other parties may also request similar treatment and we have no objection to those requests, if any. We also appreciate that the Board's scheduled reply on 23 September may also have to be moved in consequence to the following Monday, 26 September, to which we have no objection.

Despite all of this, we submit that any prejudice suffered by any party due to this short extension would be minimal and outweighed by the public interest in the full advancement of VECC's position, which is intended to assist the Board in its deliberations. We do sincerely apologize for the inconvenience such a procedural

request poses for the Board and parties, however, on balance we trust that such a request, which VECC rarely makes, is reasonable and can be accommodated by the Board.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line extending to the right, and a curved line that loops back to the left, crossing the vertical line.

John Lawford
Counsel for VECC

Email copy: Mr. William Harper
Consultant for VECC/PIAC

Parties to EB-2021-0243